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March 9, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Tamás Forgács, Jenna Kieckhaefer, James Marshall, Samina Najmi, Fayzul Pasha, Helda Pinzon Perez

Members excused: Cameron Lane, Vang Vang, Song Lee

(1) Committee approved the agenda (MSC).

(2) Committee amended minutes for the 2/9/2017 meeting (MSC)

(3) Communications and Announcements

- (a) CO RSCA contributions (J. Marshall) – Chancellor's Office gave \$134,000 and Provost gave \$800,000 for the awards. Each college does these awards a little different. Some faculty may not care where the money for their specific award comes from, however some may need to know for certain forms like travel. One member was curious if money goes unused, and we discussed that's not usually an issue – especially since a lot of money goes to personnel issues like release time.
- (b) Task force on faculty workload (T. Forgács) – Email went out to faculty asking for self-appointees for this committee. The committee has yet to be formed, but members are slowly being identified. We aren't sure when the committee's work will begin, but expect a lot of discussion on this important issue.
- (c) Updates on meetings with the deans – Meetings with the Deans of Social Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture were discussed. For full details please consult the upcoming report. It appears the number 1 issue across all meetings is workload. Next most discussed issue is the lack of resources to account for the desired change to research from teaching.
- (d) Stat. Analysis of the data from the faculty research survey (T. Forgács) – initial analysis of the data was described, which included 1377 respondents. The respondents included 49% Assistant professors, 19% Associate professors, 18% Lecturers, and 21% Full Professors. This analysis is a work in progress,

but we are already seeing some significant differences across the ranks. A full report will likely be available for the April meeting.

(4) Discussion items

- (a) Analysis of the written responses of the faculty survey (S. Najmi)
  - They downloaded data from Nvivo and took a question each to look over and analyze. They need one other person to take on the third question analysis, which should take 10-15 hours. J. Kieckhafer volunteered to take on the third question, with help from undergraduate students.
- (b) 2017 Research report – The committee will use Box to consolidate information for report in the upcoming month.

(5) The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.