

To: Craig Roberts, Chair, FC

From: Sudarshan Loyalka, Chair FA Committee, 08/11/2013

Subject: Proposed Charge for Fiscal Affairs Committee, 2013-14

Background: FA considered the following items in 2012-13:

1. Review of Collected Rules 300.010, 300.020, 300.030 and 300.040 regarding faculty authority on budgets
2. A proposal for moving the MU faculty's advisory authority on budgets to a shared authority
3. Suggested actions in the meanwhile: Get Chancellor/Board approval for faculty resolution of 2006 re: faculty authority at all levels (departments, units, colleges, etc.), Implement applicable items from 300.010-300.040, How do we increase transparency, timeliness, trust and shared decision making (both in normal times, and when times are short)?
4. Appointment of a task force for GCI & bonuses/incentives Review??
5. Additional item: For example, what is the financial model for the University?? GRA, non-GRA budgets, state budget, enrollments, extramural, service and economic activities.
6. Appointment of a task force for defining faculty credit (P&T processes, performance evaluation) towards the University's fourth mission (economic activity in the state)

It obtained considerable information regarding budgets (Grants and Contract Incentive Funds, Supplementary Fees, International Programs, etc). This was distributed to the Council. FA came to the view that 1-5 can be addressed comprehensively in a single framework. Towards this, FA introduced a resolution in the Council to move Budget and Planning authority from advisory to shared, and made a presentation to the Council. Following these discussions it was concluded that the more effective way to proceed now is to stay with the advisory authority, but exercise it formally through a budget and planning committee. FA introduced a resolution in the Council and good discussions followed. An additional item that was discussed substantially was with respect to approval for supplementary fees in Arts and Sciences, and again a resolution was introduced in the Council. FA did not make progress on item 6, and it recommended that this be addressed in future by the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Proposed Charge:

For 2013-14 FA will focus on the following:

1. FA will remain engaged on the issue of formation of the Planning and Budget Committee and its charge. The previous resolution, after appropriate revisions, will be brought again to the Council for action in early Fall 2013.
2. Consistent with 1 above, FA will be fully engaged in critical discussions and input (to FC and the administration) on the budget associated with the proposed MU Strategic Plan.
3. FA will seek early approval of the resolution for supplementary fees in Arts and Sciences.