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Continuing Activities:

- 1) System strategic initiatives have been crafted through a campus wide committee with a representative from the Faculty Council (Kattesh V. Katti). This committee is tasked with setting up levers and metrics in the quality and depth of: a) Education, b) Research, c) Outreach, d) Research Infrastructure, e) Economic Development, f) Student outcomes. These many attributes that would contribute to a better ranking of MU within the AAU and nationally/internationally. (Ongoing)
- 2) Patents and licensing committee is considering simplifying the invention disclosure form—this is a document that allows faculty to report their invention for the first time to the MU Patents office for evaluation on patentability with the US patents office. (Ongoing)
- 3) The university has been developing a strategic plan for more efficient allocation of resources. Faculty council has been involved in this effort (ongoing).
- 4) The University of Missouri has hired a new chancellor who begins service on 1 February. Several high level administrators have also retired, and the next search is for Provost. Faculty Council acting to make sure that the faculty has a voice in this process as a partner with the new chancellor. (ongoing)
- 5) Faculty Council will participate with members being part of our accreditation task force. Our 10-year accreditation site visit is scheduled for February 2015, and all our documentation will be due to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) late in 2014. The five criteria focus on Mission; Integrity (ethical policies, etc.); Quality, Resources and Support for Teaching and Learning; Evaluation and Improvement of Teaching and Learning; and Resources, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness. (ongoing)

New Initiatives / activities:

- 1) New IT policies are being developed regarding IT and security of devices that faculty/staff use that may contain sensitive information.
- 2) Related to Item #1 above, a committee formed by faculty council is looking at the issue of simplifying the number of academic titles in a strategic way.

- 3) Faculty workload policies are being examined at the system level in order to more efficiently distribute workloads and to inform those who implement workloads of best practice.