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Continuing Activities:

- 1) Through FC representation on campus-level committees and our own Faculty Affairs and Financial Affairs subcommittees, we continue to engage the UM System-mandated campus strategic planning process (the "MUSOP"), a series of initiatives that use levers and metrics to assess and improve quality and depth in: a) Education, b) Research, c) Outreach, d) Research Infrastructure, e) Economic Development, f) Student outcomes. These are many attributes that would contribute to a better ranking of MU within the AAU and nationally/internationally.
- 2) Related to Item #1 above: a committee with FC representation is looking at the issue of simplifying the number of academic titles in Extension.
- 3) We are looking at campus-level workload policies in order to more clearly articulate implementation.
- 4) Faculty Council participated in the 10-year accreditation task force, the site visit for which took place last February. (We were successfully re-accredited.)
- 5) The MU Office of Graduate Studies Changes is proposing major changes in funding and policies, including compensation, health insurance, and fee waivers. In 2016, 0.25 FTE grad appointments will be phased out. There are exceptions being discussed for programs that would suffer.
- 6) Late last spring, Faculty Council put together an ad hoc committee on race relations in response to campus concerns in the wake of Ferguson and ongoing race incidents on campus more generally.

New Initiatives / Activities:

- 1) FC Faculty Affairs is looking into the post-tenure review policy in advance of IFC looking at the same issue.
- 2) The FC Diversity committee is in the process of formulating a proposal for a university-wide curricular diversity requirement.
- 3) FC has a new ad hoc committee on Title IX to continue to look at the new Title IX rules put into place early last spring by UM System, as well as respond to campus-specific concerns about Title IX.