



*Research Policy Committee*

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The main activity of this past year was to work on a Discussion of IDCs. We began the year as we had ended last year and we embarked on a discussion of IDC distribution.

I will paste our Committee's meetings here to provide some detail.

We plan to end the year with a presentation at Faculty Senate requesting that the new Senate, when it convenes in the Fall, will discuss and vote on our proposal the Principal Investigators receive a percentage of the IDC without depending on each College's Dean to make that determination.

**September 23, 2021:**

The first meeting of the FY2021-2022, The group discussed setting an agenda for the year with a goal to mainly discuss indirect cost. Additionally, the committee discussed the doing away of the cisco phone system and the new school for mining and geo-sciences.

**October 21, 2021:**

In this meeting Dr. Betsy Catwell and Sanghita Pawar came to talk to the committee about AIB and indirect cost flow. The two guests provided multiple links and resources which gave a deeper breakdown of the new model and cost flow.

**November 4, 2021**

The committee members discussed the meeting with Dr. Cantwell and Dr. Pawar regarding the topic of Indirect Costs and AIB. It was held in executive session.

**December 2, 2021:**

The committee's main discussion revolved around Dr. Cuillier's report regarding the white paper detailing the RCM transition to AIB. Dr. Cuillier explained the F&A breakdown and incentives for research that come with this AIB model. The group also discussed the meeting with SPBAC regarding the presentation from Lisa Rulney about furloughs.

**February 22, 2022:**

In this meeting Parker Antin discussed in his presentation to the group the University's transition to AIB. Antin then gave a brief Q&A after his presentation.

**March 23, 2022:**

The RPC members recapped Antin's presentation from the previous RPC meeting on February 22, 2022. Gordon was absent at the previous meeting, and the group explained the main points from the presentation. In his presentation, Antin detailed how Facilities and Administrative Costs (F&A) will be affected from the University of Arizona's transition from its current Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) model to the Activity Informed Budgeting (AIB) model.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, RPC