

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Research Policy Committee (David Cuillier, chair)

DATE: February 6, 2023

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Faculty Senate on Jan. 23 voted, with no “nay” votes, to approve the RPC’s recommendations on F&A distributions to principal investigators. The RPC will follow up with the provost on next steps.

The RPC met Jan. 30 on Zoom with Taren Ellis Langford, senior director of Research, Innovation & Impact’s Office for Responsible Outside Interests, and Sangita Judge, vice president of operations for Research, Innovation & Impact to gather information about the new conflict of interest policies affecting researchers. More information will be collected, during the next month, and recommendations for adjustments are possible later this spring.

The RPC will meet Feb. 27 with Dr. Betsy Cantwell, senior vice president for Research, Innovation & Impact, to learn more about the impact of the AIB budgeting system on research and RII.

GOALS:

It is our goal to examine the following issues this spring:

1. How the university’s conflict of interest policies and practices affect researchers.
2. Changes in the “Research Scholar” title.
3. The impact of AIB on research, as well as on Research, Innovation & Impact.
4. Follow up previous survey research by the committee on how researchers on campus view the campus core research facilities.