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Building on the work of the RPC from last year, we continued to work on the proper structure and governance of the Research and Development offices core facilities. With significant work form member Dr. Thomas Moon, we developed a draft policy statement. This was then reviewed by the committee as we met with leadership from RII. Feedback was received from RII. Our committee reviewed their feedback and will send this revised document back to RII. We will ask them to send RPC their final comments by mid-summer and we anticipate bringing it to the full Faculty Senate in the early Fall. The main components of our policy statement include:

1) Governance must include faculty and user participation
2) The Core facility must have a vision developed jointly by the users
3) Reporting of core facility productivity – publications, impact, use, and finance must be done on an annual basis.
4) A clear set of metrics and process for sun setting facilities is needed

At another Research Policy Committee meeting, we had an outstanding presentation from Research Data Management Services.
We realized how little many of us know about the services available to researchers at UA. It was suggested that we might invite them to Faculty Senate to make a presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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