

EFFORT-REPORTING TASK FORCE

5/25/07 MEETING SUMMARY

The work of the subgroups on the various solutions was shared.

PDF (Proposal Development Fund) or IAF (Institutional Activity Fund)

This subgroup, lead by Mark Brenner, has a meeting scheduled for next week.

State Funded B Contract Faculty

Bruce Shively reported that the solutions for “buying” faculty OVL during the summer that had been discussed were workable but that there were some issues to be worked out, particularly in regards to fringe benefits and the way they are budgeted on grants. They will explore a couple of different mechanisms further and present their recommendations. The group has settled on the idea that the easiest method will be to have a pool of state dollars in the budget that they can use to cover University commitments in the summer for B-Contract faculty. They have tentatively identified a pool of dollars that could be reallocated for this use; however, as with all reallocations, there will be a cost. The group made it clear that there are really two pools of money needed—one for summer university effort of B Contract faculty and one as an incentive for grant development effort of B Contract faculty. Various members of the task force presented the issues and challenges in connection with these two solutions, and the subgroup was directed to include the issues and challenges in their draft recommendation document.

Final Task Force Report

There was a short discussion on the final report of the Effort Reporting Task Force. The various subgroups were directed to begin drafting their sections/recommendations for the report. The format will be to present a short outline of each recommendation, with additional information on the issues and challenges and changes necessary to University policy or procedure. The subgroups should not work out policies, procedures, etc., for their recommended solutions but simply indicate that those should be worked out in the future should the University decide to adopt the recommendation. Members of the task force will begin to share drafts for comment and review next week (May 29-June 1), with a draft report being available for the Faculty Senate meeting on June 7.

Tammy Freeman will provide copies of the revised Effort Reporting Policy document for final review and comment.