Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee

Internal Strategic Fund

Recommendations

The Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee recommends the following guidelines in regards to the oversight and distribution of the Internal Strategic Fund. In keeping with the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan the following recommendations will help foster a commitment to excellence in teaching through the continued support of faculty research, engagement to scholarship, and High Impact Practices (HIP).

Recommendation 1:

In order to preserve adequate resource commitments and allocations the fund should be defined and insulated under the following four categories:

- Lab Modernization and Capital Funds – to be renamed the Strategic Infrastructure Improvement Fund. UABC would still have a role in governing hand this pool of money.

- Scholarship, Professional Activity, Research and Creativity (SPARC) Fund - As per the AIRC’s proposal the focus of the former SAIF A grant, including Professional Development funds should “sustain an active core of practitioner faculty at UW-Platteville.” SAIF B would be discontinued and grant writing opportunities would fall under the purview of the Office of Sponsored Programs.

- High Impact Practice (HIP) Fund– (formerly CIF, AAF, and Curriculum Development Funds). To support proposals developed around practices such as, service learning, undergraduate research, international education, assessment, and SoTL.

- PURF and Grant Writing Opportunities – The Office of Sponsored Programs will continue to administer the Pioneer Undergraduate Fellowship in addition to developing and overseeing grant writing opportunities for faculty and teaching academic staff.

Recommendation 2:

Peer review mechanisms and processes by existing committees would remain in place with recommendations for those committees to re-examine procedural policies such as proposal deadlines and requirements and review for the insulation structure suggested above. Changes will be implemented as soon as possible in the 2013-2014 academic year. A follow up meeting
should occur in the early fall between AIRC, ILC, and OSP and the ad hoc committee to gauge progress and changes.

**Recommendation 3:**

The existing committee responsible for administering these funds will also develop an assessment protocol including but not limited to requiring recipients to submit a final report. The final report protocol should include but not be limited to; proof of dissemination illustrating the benefit to the individual, institution and student population, poster, podcast or other evidence of presentation, and an exit interview with the publications department. The committee assessment report will be presented to the Faculty Senate on an annual basis.

**Recommendation 4:**

Centralize faculty governance through Faculty Senate to oversee the outcomes, effectiveness and implementation of these funds. The funding amounts should be reviewed every three years by the Faculty Senate and when needed will make recommendations to increase the amounts as well as ensure that such initiatives are in alignment with the Strategic Plan.

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