Facilities and Administrative Cost Recovery Distribution Committee

In consultation with the deans and Faculty Senate, a limited-term committee has been established to review policies on Facilities and Administrative (F&A) cost recovery distribution.

Background
Strategic investment and the prioritization of existing resources in the area of graduate education will be informed by the Task Force on Centers of Excellence in Graduate and Professional Education. On the research/creative activity front, a series of conversations needs to take place about how to find the best means to support and enhance the research/creative activity mission of Ohio University. One of the earliest conversations must involve Facilities and Administrative cost recovery distribution (indirect cost returns).

Start-up costs, equipment maintenance, appropriate provision for bad debt, and the ability to provide timely investments in promising research initiatives surface constantly as issues of concern for faculty and deans. F&A cost recovery distribution influences all of these elements. The Vision Ohio Research and Creative Activity Implementation Team identified the strategic use of F&A cost recovery distribution as being a high priority for the university.

In furtherance of supporting the goals of the Five Year Vision Ohio Implementation Plan, the deans and the interim Vice President for Research recommended the establishment of a limited-term committee charged with the examination of Ohio University’s policies relating to F&A cost recovery distribution. In considering which, if any, of the university's standing committees could appropriately lead the discussion of the issue, it became clear that no existing committee provided full representation of the major stakeholders. To ensure full representation, with the approval of Faculty Senate, an ad hoc committee has been formed with membership drawn from the Vice President for Research Office, the Council for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CRSCA), the deans, center or institute directors, chairs and directors, and faculty.

Charge
It should be understood that the purpose of looking at F&A cost recovery distribution is to enhance the research/creative activity environment to the fullest extent possible. Having a set of strategic F&A cost recovery distribution policies will facilitate future investments in research/creative activity. An important element of the analysis to be conducted by the committee is to compare Ohio University’s approach to F&A cost recovery distribution with that of our peer institutions and to review models that are currently in use at other institutions committed to building their research/creative activity infrastructure.

The committee will act in an advisory capacity and make recommendations on F&A cost recovery distribution by the end of the academic year. The committee’s recommendations will accelerate the ability of the new Vice President for Research and Creative Activity and Dean of the Graduate College to begin work on pressing issues relating to research and creative activity.
F&A Cost Recovery Distribution Committee
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