



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty Senate

Resource Policies and Allocations Council (RPA) Meeting

Wednesday, 29 March 2023, 9:00am-10:00am (#1550 Beardshear)

2022-2023 Council Membership: Tim Bigelow (Chair RPA), Emily Morgan (DES), Eric Burrough (VET), Diane Janvrin (BUS), Kelly Reddy-Best (HSC), Kevin Roe (CALs), Chris Williams (ENG), Cullen Padgett-Walsh (LAS), Jack Dekkers (CCE, Faculty Compensation Committee Chair), Jeff Essner (GDCB, RPP Committee Chair), Doug Jacobson (ECE, IT Committee Chair), Jon Perkins (Faculty Senate President), Sarah Bennett-George (Faculty Senate President-Elect), Andrea Wheeler (Faculty Senate Past President); Ellen Reints (SVPP), and Jonathan Wickert (SVPP)

Council Charge: Develops and maintains a system for shared governance to ensure communication between faculty and administration in relation to resource policies and allocations; advances proposals consistent with Faculty Senate initiatives and priorities; recommends initiatives to the senate pertaining to resource policies and allocations; works with the university president and other administrators to implement approved policies.

Agenda

I. Call to Order (9:00 am)

II. Updates from Provost's Office

III. Provost – Questions on College Resource Management

1. What oversight does the Senior Vice President and Provost's Office have on the budgetary decision-making of the Deans? How does this relationship work?
2. How much justification, if any, is needed to the provost office before an Assistant or Associate Dean is hired?
3. ISU has normally tried to absorb any budget cuts or reductions at the university level without passing those cuts onto the colleges (as much as possible). Are Dean's encouraged to do the same when their college budget is cut or reduced? Namely, are they encouraged to absorb the loss at the college level (as much as possible) and not pass the loss onto the departments?

IV. Provost – Question on Faculty Time Cost

Faculty also have concerns over how new systems and initiatives can increase demands on their time. When deciding on these types of changes how are these "costs" or "savings" (for reductions in faculty time) calculated? If they are not normally considered, can we fold them into the decision-making process in the future?

V. Old Business

- a. Meeting with VP of Finance – Not yet scheduled

VI. Updates from Committees

- a. Faculty Compensation Committee (Jack Dekkers)
- b. Research Planning and Policy Committee (Jeff Essner)
- c. Information Technology Committee (Doug Jacobson)

VII. Other Items from the Floor

VIII. Adjournment