

Note from FAC to Provost regarding new F&A Policy

As you heard at a previous FUPC meeting, there are many faculty who are concerned that the new F&A policy will result in reduced support for departments. The support provided by the F&A returned to the departments currently serves a crucial role. Consequently, the FAC requests that you address a few questions about the transition to the new policy during your next remarks at an Arts and Sciences faculty meeting. Specifically:

- (1) Will you guarantee that no new MOUs will be created that are charged against the F&A funds as direct costs before the transition to the new policy? The F&A report presented to the FUPC showed nearly a million dollars of direct charges that are scheduled to disappear in 3-4 years. If these are not replaced with new direct charges, then the new model is not likely to represent a decrease in departmental funding for any department that continues to generate F&A.
- (2) If there will be no new major commitments, then how will you support those big, innovative projects that are crucial to our continuing expansion of research? We hope to hear that you, or Vice Provost Dennis Manos, will utilize funds from the 40% of the F&A that is directed to the Provost's office for new MOUs. We hope that the Provost will lead negotiations among the deans, the department chairs, and the program directors, so that everyone is aware of the F&A budget implications of any new MOU that will impact the share of F&A that would go to the Dean's Office, Departments, and PIs.