

Resolution on Data Collection Relating to Financial Management

WHEREAS

Faculty have direct experience with instances of delays and documentation problems with grants, gifts, endowments, payroll, and other university financial resources;

WHEREAS

The university is concurrently operating under severe financial constraint, requiring aggressive cash conservation measures and heavy workload that place substantial strain on financial administration staff, whose work the Senate recognizes as being carried out capably and diligently under difficult conditions; and

WHEREAS

A systematic collection of faculty experience with financial administration processes would help distinguish genuine systemic or fiduciary control weaknesses from the inevitable strain of operating under crisis conditions, and would provide the university community with a factual, rather than anecdotal, basis for assessing where improvement is needed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

the Senate refer to the University Faculty Council a request to develop and distribute an anonymized survey to faculty seeking factual accounts of problems with financial administration processes affecting grants, gifts, endowments, payroll, and other financial resources, with the resulting record to be reviewed by the UFC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

the UFC analyze findings and refer data and conclusions as warranted to administration for review and action.