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Faculty Senate

The December Faculty Senate meeting was focused on the Facilities and Administrative costs (F&A rates). An explanation of these rates is available on the Office of Grants & Contracts Administration website [here](#).

During his comments, the Chancellor discussed F&A rates and that, every three years, the UA system renegotiates the rate with the Office of Naval Research (ONR). The system has submitted a rate that is 15% more than before. This new proposed has become a concern for faculty on campus, specifically with regard to how it will affect their ability to get grants. They are further concerned that this rate will make UAF less competitive.

The UAF administration will have the final decision on F&A rates, and will balance it out so that we can continue to be competitive in the grant environment. The Chancellor is assigning a committee today made up of faculty, and possibly staff, which will work on this.

ASUAF Report

ASUAF has written a [Resolution regarding the proposed Title IX changes](#) in response to the proposee42N.1nseu1.7(o)1aCs5.5(U2-5.3(1.04 1102.84 13.92 re f* B5nd

The live hearing and cross-examination is a change as well. The new proposed regulation states that the only way to assess credibility is by having that cross-examination, which could be in conflict with our Collecting Bargaining Agreements (CBAs). Another change is that the decision maker will be separate from the Title IX Coordinator. Instead, they are wanting hearing panels, with an advisor provided. The advisor just has to be sufficiently aligned with the party, which may create bias and conflicts of interest. Further, we may not have jurisdiction for off-campus incidents, which we do currently. The proposed regulations may also limit our jurisdiction for things that are occurring outside of the U.S.

As an institution, we are not specifically bound to the federal government's guideline. The federal government sets the floor, and we as an institution can set the ceiling: the goal is to go above and beyond the guidelines set by the federal government.

Scholarship Disbursement Updates

Samara Taber, Associate Director of Admissions, shared how her department is improving the scholarship process, including developing a better communication plan with faculty and staff.

It is important to distribute scholarships early to prevent negative impacts to student enrollment. In the past some scholarships did not notify students who received them until late summertime. This impacts a student's decision about their enrollment because May 1st is National (college) Decision Day.

Committees need to be set up by the end of December and make their decisions by the second week of March, or by the first week of April – at the latest