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Notes from Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting January 13, 2014

Attendees: John McGrath, Kevin Cunningham, Mary Montoye, Mary Senter, Adam Epstein, Elina Erzikova, Megan Goodwin, Neil Christensen, Crina Tarasi, Janet Sturm, Brad Long, Steve Roberts, Ed Simpson, Jamie Johansen

Absent: Ed McKee, Sivaram Narayan, Ksenia Ustinova, Rachel Caspari

1. The minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting had been distributed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.
2. McGrath announced that ORSP is in the process of updating the ORSP website to include copies of the minutes from the Faculty Advisory Committee meetings.
3. McGrath indicated he will undertake discussion with Travel Payroll regarding pending changes to the policy on reimbursement for payments for research stipends.
4. The Committee continued discussion on strategic planning for Priority 2. It had been previously discussed to use a standard template for strategic planning initiatives, to solicit feedback and comments from the Faculty Advisory Committee, and then to invite the university strategic planning co-chairs, Claudia Douglass and Barrie Wilkes, to meet with the Faculty Advisory Committee for discussion. McGrath indicated that six of the seven academic deans have agreed that the use of a standard template would be helpful. There was discussion regarding the various strategies under which to approach strategic planning including each department completing the forms and submitting them to their dean, having the deans develop strategic plans for review by departments, having a pilot group of departments participate in a strategic planning initiative, etc.

McGrath indicated he has a copy of a plan undertaken by Michigan State University's College of Engineering. The Faculty Advisory Group thought it would be helpful to review a copy of the document.

There was a motion duly made and seconded to have two departments pilot a strategic planning initiative. Upon discussion, the motion was amended to expand the pilot program to a minimum of two departments. This motion was approved with 12 yes votes

and 1 abstention. Individual members of the Faculty Advisory Committee will take the conversation back to their department for discussion and will follow up with an e-mail to the Faculty Advisory Committee members describing the outcome of their conversation.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was approved to use a standard strategic planning template for this initiative. This motion was approved with 12 yes votes and 1 abstention.