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Discussion:

I request that the following questions be addressed to the administration and be opened up to the faculty senators for discussion: What is the administration's goal in terms of faculty research productivity? Does the administration have any data as to where the faculty stands in terms of research productivity at this time? Does the administration have any data as to the progress faculty have made in terms of research productivity over the last 5 years and 10 years?

Rationale:

In recent months, several issues have arisen (e.g., changes to educational leave policy, differentiated loads policy) that suggest an administrative concern about raising faculty research productivity at the same time that they have raised doubts about the extent to which the administration has knowledge of the current state of faculty research and possible gains in that productivity over the recent past. Perhaps some of the contentiousness around those issues can be lessened if the administration and the faculty senate can come to some consensus on where we are, how far we have come, and where we should be going in terms of faculty research productivity.

Response:

11/7/2012: The SEC considers that the data requested are necessary to

inform the discussion. Hence the questions asked should be filed as an RFI (as opposed to a discussion item), with a possible follow up discussion item.