Minutes of the IFC meeting on 10-15-2013

Attendees: Bohner, Fitch, Harvey, Lupo, Miller, Moehrle, Roberts, Spilling, Stancel, McArthur, Ward-Smith, Balakrishnan

The following items were discussed at the IFC meeting:

1. FAS updates: FAS replacement project and the selection of the alternative software were discussed by Zac March. Three vendors are being considered for replacing the current FAS. They are Thomson Reuters, Data 180, and Digital Measure. After various demonstrations, the RFP committee was asked to rank the products on four metrics: references, functionality, implementation, and user interface. One product emerged as an overwhelming favorite. Negotiations are in progress with the corresponding vendor. A decision is expected soon.

2. CRR change related to Collaborative Degrees and Diplomas was discussed. This issue relates to the inclusion of a non-UM university name in the diploma awarded to the UM students. There was general agreement with regard to the changes to the CRR which will allow a foreign university’s name in the diploma although individual campuses needed to approve the changes and the associated evaluation processes for collaborative degrees.

3. The issue of (even) Faculty Workload was discussed. Different workload models and faculty faculty/evaluations were discussed. It was decided to further continue this discussion at the next meeting. President Wolfe talked about the need to have and implement a good workload policy.

4. Different ideas on course sharing amongst different campuses of the UM system were discussed. IFC members discussed the need and benefits faculty members collaborating on teaching of courses from different UM campuses.