Minutes of the IFC meeting on 12-18-2013

The following items were discussed at the IFC meeting:

1. Concerns relating to proper and reliable communication on important matters were discussed. There was some miscommunication or misunderstanding based on rumors on some campuses about benefits cut to help with salary raises. It was concluded that it will be in the best interests to scotch such rumors by IFC members contacting the UM System officers and ascertain the true situation.

2. Grade book retention policy was discussed. Correction to records management document was distributed and discussed. UMAO decision on gradebook retention was revisited in IFC. Proposal that due diligence is to have EEO office harvest Blackboard gradebooks and request gradesheets from non-Blackboard faculty, but not to push for 100% compliance.

3. Faculty Workload Task Force presented an interim report. The task force is looking at and comparing workload policies used in various universities and deliberating on possible recommendations. Workload task force finds CRR has good flexibility, but Chair-level implementation widely varies.

4. Drs. Foley and Graham presented a draft document that details grants for Inter-campus Course sharing. Request for Proposals will be announced to all the campuses soon.

5. Ms. Beth Chancellor provided a draft on data classification system requirements. This document contains explanations on and definitions of different elements of the data classification system.