



**University of Houston System
IDC Distribution Policy Committee**

March 29, 2013

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Carl Carlucci, Roth Bose, Craig Ness, Patricia Oliver, Allan Jacobson, Earl Smith, Jack Fletcher, Vincent Tam, Dmitri Litvinov, Mark Clarke, Pradeep Shama

1. Data Review

- a. The committee reviewed the data collected. The data included: the COGR survey data on IDC distribution with added information on research and funding, presented as comparisons with our peer institutions; sample policies from other universities, focusing on the NC State presentation; and data on the UH actual distribution, as well as spending data by college and expenditure category.

<http://www.uh.edu/af/committees/idc.htm>.

- b. VP Bose suggested two topics for discussion, the split between the university and the colleges, and how should we allocate IDC next year?

2. Discussion

- a. Dean Smith observed that institutional priorities should drive our distribution. The discussion of what are the best uses included, infrastructure, support for student tuition and fees, and incentives to do research. The committee emphasized that transparency in policies, distribution and spending was essential. Dmitri Litvinov suggested that we make up a list of priorities.
- b. Regarding specific uses of IDC, the discussion included fund balances, methods of student support, bridge funding, special needs and most of all incentives for faculty to do more research. The flexible nature of IDC funds was stressed.
- c. There was a discussion of the different priorities in different colleges, college priorities vs. department priorities vs. PI priorities and university priorities vs. college, department and PI priorities.
- d. The trade-off between the use of IDC funds and other university funds to cover research and infrastructure funds was discussed.

3. Action items for the Next Meeting Agenda

- a. Develop a priority list include items in the categories of PI incentives, faculty support and research infrastructure.
- b. Propose policies for IDC use based on the identified priorities.
- c. Discuss IDC distribution policies and practices in the colleges and departments.