



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Indirect Cost Return Memo 2011-12

May 2, 2012

The Indirect Cost Return Memo discusses immediate implementation and provides a budgetary data description.

College Committee: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

May 3, 2012 10:43 AM

No response at this time.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (AGRICULTURE)

May 3, 2012 10:40 AM

No response at this time.

Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction

April 23, 2012 10:21 AM

No response at this time.

Planning & Budget

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CPB strongly feels that ICR should come directly to the departments and NOT through the Dean's Offices. Over time the ICR will be used at the Dean's level to balance their books and nothing will end up in the department. The loss of the ICR funds that come to the departments will be devastating.

Research

April 23, 2012 1:47 PM

COR reviewed the Indirect Cost Return whitepaper and executive summary. The committee understands that the proposal has already been approved for next fiscal year and has very serious concerns that there was not proper Senate consultation (including the Committee on Research) regarding the proposal. In addition, COR understands that the original motivation from the Blue Ribbon Committee was to return money to departments, not the Deans. Therefore, the proposal does not achieve the goals of the Blue Ribbon Committee. Finally, COR has the following concerns/comments regarding the ICR proposal:

1. ICR funds that are returned to the Dean will go into a large pool and some departments will never see any. This is a serious concern among the members of COR.
2. COR strongly recommends that the Provost's Office do a modeling of what this will look like for departments after the ICR funding proposal has been implemented.
3. COR also strongly recommends that the Provost's Office monitor the impact of this new ICR model on departments.
4. COR would like to know why the proposal was changed from the original intent to have the funds returned to the departments based on recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Committee.
5. It would be an incentive for faculty to go out and get external funds if they knew the funds were coming back to their department.