

University Resources and Planning Committee(URPC) (Eschker):

In May, the Legislature and Governor failed to fund CSU by the requested additional \$95mil. At the beginning of August we learned that the Chancellor's Office would ask campuses to share some of the costs of compensation pool increases to faculty and staff out of existing budgets, and this would have some impact to HSU's budget for AY2014-15. This is a fast developing situation, with details being formulated by the Chancellor's Office and CFA negotiations ongoing. We are going off the best assumptions, but the situation is fluid.

The URPC originally scheduled a meeting for next week to discuss this news. But after receiving more information, the co-chairs along with the HSU Budget Office felt that there is a lot of uncertainty, and we decided not to meet. Instead, we are holding a day-long retreat on Friday, September 19. The purpose is to begin planning for this budget revision, orient new members, assess what we have accomplished over the last two years, and define our priorities for the upcoming year. Please send suggested agenda items or issues to the URPC co-chairs.

Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)(Alderson):

The Faculty Affairs Committee had its first meeting Tuesday, August 26th at 11:00 in NHE 116

We reviewed last year's Final Report from the Committee, particularly the section pertaining to ongoing business.

We specifically discussed the current status of the eWPAF process (in place for the first time this semester), the possibility of tying evaluations of teaching effectiveness to attempts to address diversity concerns and student success, summary reporting of the online teaching evaluation process, the current status of the RTP Standards Committee's work, and a drafted resolution regarding faculty presence on campus.

Issues we plan on addressing this semester include revisiting the Teaching Evaluation Instrument Task Force's work, examining concerns related to online courses (particularly re: Intellectual Property), and the possibility of establishing a university-wide office hour policy.