


To: Provost, Vice Presidents, Vice Provosts, Deans, and Heads of Schools, Divisions,  
Departments and Offices

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Re: Research Faculty Implementation Guidelines

Last spring I convened a faculty Working Group to review the "Research Faculty Implementation Guidelines" that were issued by the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) in 2005. These guidelines were developed in response to University Senate Document 04-4 that created the position of Research Faculty at Purdue University in January 2005.

After interviewing personnel (department heads/center directors/graduate school associate dean) that were directly involved in the appointment/promotion of research faculty and the 32 research faculty themselves, the Working Group made suggestions for revisions to the original guidelines. As a result, a new University policy for the "Appointment and Promotion of Research Faculty" was drafted along with a revised "Guidelines for Research Faculty Appointments" and a "Frequently Asked Questions" document. These documents and a "Background and Summary of Changes" document are posted on the OVPR Website (<http://www.purdue.edu/Research/vpr/>) on the left-hand side under "Useful Links" as "Revised Research Faculty Policy."

Please distribute this information to all faculty and other interested personnel. Comments regarding these documents can be posted (<https://spa.itap.purdue.edu/vpr/comment/default.aspx>) until March 23, 2011. After the comment period and any necessary changes, the new policy will be formally submitted to the Faculty Affairs Committee of the University Senate for their comments and hopefully recommendation to the full Senate for approval. Following Senate action, the policy will be formally submitted to the Executive Policy Review Group for final review and approval.

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