



FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP

Redefining the Government & University Research Partnership

The Faculty-Administrator Collaboration Team: Just the FACTs Jan 12, 2022

Hosted by: Faculty Administrator Collaboration Team (FACT)

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Faculty-Administrator Collaboration Team (FACT): Mission

Mission: FACT seeks to reduce the administrative burden associated with federally funded research by capitalizing on the unique resources of the FDP to bring together paired institutional representatives for focused dialogue and joint efforts centered on enhancing faculty-administrator collaborations that support successful research operations.



FACT: Participating Institutions

FDP Member Organization	Faculty Rep	Admin Rep
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	Eva McGhee	Perrilla Johnson-Woodard
College of Charleston	Kelly Shaver	Susan Anderson
MD Anderson	Sharon Dent	Wesley Harrott
Northeastern University	David Budil	Joan Cyr
Michigan Tech University	Larry Sutter	Dave Reed
Univ of Alabama, Huntsville	Carmen Schotz	Gloria Greene
Univ of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Steven Post (co-chair)	Suzanne Alstadt (co-chair)
Univ of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	TBN	David Paul
Univ of Texas at Austin	Rob Crosnoe	Elena Mota
Univ of Washington	Mark Haselkorn	Lynette Arias/Rick Fenger



FACT: Expectations of Membership

- Institution must join as a pair – one faculty and one administrator (Data guru is a bonus)
- Institution must be willing to share information – quantitative and/or qualitative
- The faculty and administrator members must both actively participate in FACT- through attendance at FDP meetings, monthly working group phone calls, and/or participation in FACT initiatives.
- Members must be willing to reach out to faculty/admin within their organization to gather information for FACT initiatives.



FACT: Past Activities

Phase 1: 2018-2020

- Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis
 - Institutional research processes and reporting vary
 - Who's in charge?
- Workload Survey
 - Institutionally imposed variables and the perception of trust



FACT: Recent Activities

Phase 2: 2020-?

- Matter of Trust

- Transparency and Effective Communication
- Familiarity
- Competency, fairness, accountability
- Involvement / Engagement
- Value and Support

- The Pandemic: A natural experiment

- Flexibility/ Adaptability
- Communication / Relationships
- Infrastructure / Resources

- What can I do?

- Increase understanding and appreciation
- Increase interactions and “reaching out”
- Improve processes and timeliness



FACT: Implications

- Faculty and research administrators support similar action items implying achievable consensus moving forward.
- Faculty and research administrators together can be a powerful force for institutional change.
- The institutional processes that need to change are not limited to faculty and research administrators.
- Triangulated relationships between faculty, research administrators, and institutional leadership are necessary for creating policy change.



FACT: Future Goals

- Continue to capitalize on the unique environment provided by the FDP to understand and enhance the faculty-administrator collaboration as a vital partnership that supports the work of the FDP and its member organizations
- Utilize feedback provided by FDP member organizations to inform best practices that reduce research administrative burden by improving faculty-administrator collaborations
- Develop demonstrations that focus on improving institutional faculty-administrator interactions to reduce the burden associated with federally-funded research



FACT: Brainstorming

What are possible future FACT initiatives that are aligned with the FDP mission of reducing administrative effort associated with federally funded research?



FACT: Questions and Discussion

THANK YOU!

For more information about FACT, see our webpage:

<http://thefdp.org/default/committees/faculty-committee/faculty-administrator-collaboration-team-fact/>

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Next FDP Session

Research Compliance

1/12/2022 – 4:30 ET/ 1:30 PT