The Faculty-Administrator Collaboration Team: Just the FACTs
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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.
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• 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.
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
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
What are possible future FACT initiatives that are aligned with the FDP mission of reducing administrative effort associated with federally funded research?
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