QUESTIONS FOR THE RESEARCH TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE

CORE FACILITIES & RESEARCH MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Core Facilities and Lab Equipment
- How do we establish a fund for procurement, maintenance and replacement of core research laboratories and what are the staffing needs, including computing and data analysis
- What opportunities exist and in what fields for the establishment of new core research facilities that would positively impact our research portfolio
- What opportunities exist to leverage existing core facilities (providing service for fee)
- How can we provide faculty incentives to use core facilities, when appropriate, instead of purchasing their own lab equipment
- What is the total cost of service contracts of research equipment and are there ways to reduce this cost

Management of Research Grants and Contracts
- For pre- and post-award grant management, what should academic units be responsible for, and what should DoR be responsible for
- Should the University continue to engage companies to identify funding opportunities and to assist with proposal preparation

RESEARCH FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Graduate Students and Postdocs
- We currently charge only part of the tuition and benefits to research grants/contracts. Should we follow the example of major universities where RA stipends are fully costed in research proposals
- How can we increase our population of graduate students and how should this expansion be funded

IDC
- The current breakdown of IDC is about 50-50 between academic units and DoR:
  o Is this the right breakdown
  o Should there be a fixed policy for the split between college and departments
  o What activities should IDC funds cover at DoR and at the academic units

Sources of Research Funds
- What is the best use of our TRIP, HEAF, and NRUF funds and how should they be managed/distributed
- What is a good percentage or a range of percentages between support/investment for instruction and support/investment for research in academic units
- Should we preserve, expand or shrink the internal seed grants program and why
- What are the available opportunities to diversify funding of research and what investment is required to accomplish such diversification
- Should we consider supporting part of the faculty 9-month salary on endowments