Research at Indiana University
Questions and Documentation Request
By IUPUI Faculty Council Executive Committee

1. Proposed organizational chart and details of fiscal oversight and fund distribution, as well as information on leadership of staff on each campus following this centralization.
2. Information on changes and impact to existing campus programs which support IUPUI's campus strategic plan including: community engaged research; research mentoring programs for new faculty with a focus on faculty under-represented in their discipline and the academy (EMPOWER); current campus-specific award programs which recognize faculty for research excellence; campus programming and funding to support undergraduate and graduate student research.
3. Changes to the review process to evaluate/sustain campus centers and institutes. Currently centers/institutes are reviewed by the Office for Planning and Institutional Improvement in conjunction with OVCR.
4. Insights on how this plan will be aligned with the current campus strategic plan and priorities.
5. Nearly 50% of the awards to IUPUI are designated by ORA as "service," yet these awards have clear research components as stated by their external funders. These awards often focus on community-based investigations and problem-solving within and relevant to the state and central Indiana. Will the proposed new plan for IU Research focus support (funding and staff) only on seeking awards termed "research" by ORA? Will the new plan commit funding and staff to assist faculty in obtaining awards termed "service?"
6. Will the new plan support faculty in seeing awards related to instruction, given a key mission of IU is the focus on education and support for student success?
7. How will the research centralization be communicated to community partners, city and state government, and Indiana foundations?
8. Will new mechanisms be developed for communication and prioritization of requests from schools to Office of the Vice President for Research related to services, funding, and concerns?
9. Will the plan impact current OVCR communication platforms including the campus research newsletter and campus research website?
10. How will this plan impact the authority of campus research committees and their roles in communication and decision making including IUPUI Council of Associate Deans for Research and the IFC Research Affairs Committee?
11. Information as to how this change will impact the goal of IUPUI in reaching Carnegie R1 status, as this question arises frequently from faculty and during searches to recruit and retain high caliber researchers.
12. How will this success of this centralization be measured and what metrics will be evaluated along with the timeframe for regular assessments of progress?
13. Provide data or discuss the awards funding distribution to IUPUI which includes the categories of research, instruction and service. Indicate if one or more of these areas for awards will be the priority with the proposed organizational change.