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Faculty Senate Issue Log Form

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Title-of-Issue: Reviews of Reports from Faculty Research and Development Assignments

Description: Reviews of reports seem repetitive and redundant. Here is the relevant language from the ODU Teaching and Research Faculty Handbook:

1. Within two months of the termination of a research assignment, the faculty member shall submit to his or her department chair and dean a report on his or her research accomplishments during the assignment. This report, together with the evaluation of the research by the chair and the dean, shall be submitted to the provost and vice president for academic affairs. Twelve months after termination of the assignment, a supplemental report, with copies of publications resulting from the assignment and a report of materials accepted for publication, shall be submitted and evaluated through the same channels.

2. Within two months after the termination of a development assignment, the faculty member shall submit to his or her department chair and dean a report on his or her accomplishments during the assignment, together with transcripts of any course work taken during the assignment and the names of persons with whom the faculty member worked during the assignment who are competent to evaluate the faculty member's achievements. After consultation with these references, the chair and dean will evaluate the success of the development assignment and submit this evaluation to the provost and vice president for academic affairs. Twelve months after termination of the development leave, a supplemental report, evaluating the improvement in the instructional program of the department and the college brought about by the development leave, shall be submitted to the provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Rationale: I have been asked by at least one faculty member why there are so many reports required upon the completion of a faculty research and development assignment. As I reviewed the Handbook, it does appear to me to be a bit excessive. I had to wonder why the review of the research or development activity could not be completed as a part of the annual review process. I would be interested in others' thoughts on the matter. Thank you for considering this request.

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