

FEDERAL
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PHASE VII

Redefining the Government University
Research Partnership



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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS



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Welcome. The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) has entered Phase VII and with this new phase added 54 new members, bringing our membership to 10 federal agency members and 217 institutional members. Our goal remains the same - to identify ways to reduce the administrative burden associated with the receipt and management of federal research funding so that faculty can do research, not administration.

In Phase VII, the FDP will capitalize on our past strengths to create and demonstrate solutions for managing federal requirements to improve the quality, oversight, and effectiveness of research. FDP participants include federal program and grants management officials, grantee research administrators, and faculty. Together, we work to address the changing landscape of research through testing and implementing measures that can reduce administrative burdens. FDP works to strike the appropriate balance between protecting federal research dollars while enabling investigators to freely pursue science and scientific inquiry. FDP strives to be nimble without compromising research integrity.

Our website shares many of our past demonstration successes and we continually seek opportunities to streamline, support, and enhance member activities. One example is the Faculty Workload Survey, which identifies specific and evolving areas of administrative burden that impact the effort to conduct high quality research. During Phase VII, we plan to use the results of the 2018 Faculty Workload Survey to help guide and prioritize the activities of the organization and will conduct a follow-on survey to measure the effectiveness of our demonstrations in terms of reducing burden.

The FDP is a unique collaboration of participants that work to identify and help solve the issues facing the changing landscape of research. We are living in unprecedented times, where research advancement is essential to the health and welfare of our nation and the world. We hope that you will join us in seeking ways to improve our research enterprise by improving the productivity of research without compromising its stewardship, to the benefit of the entire nation. We look forward to sharing our progress with you.

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WHO WE ARE



The FDP is now in its seventh phase, which will conclude in 2026. We are excited to welcome our new members, which comprise of **10** federal agencies and **217** federally funded recipients.

We are diverse - welcoming organizations from across the country that include hospitals, independent research organizations and institutions of higher education, from large (multi-campus research universities) to small (emerging research universities).



Member representatives include ***administrative staff*** from all areas of sponsored programs: research administration, compliance, research technology and infrastructure support; ***faculty*** and ***federal agency staff***. Members drive the FDP agenda.

Through the FDP's committees and working groups, members share ideas, evaluate the impact of proposed policies and practices, and propose new initiatives and demonstrations.

The mission of the Federal Demonstration Partnership is to ***streamline*** the administration of federally sponsored activities, and to ***foster collaboration*** to enhance the national research enterprise while maintaining high standards of stewardship and accountability.

The goal of this collaboration is to achieve relevant policy development and change through dialogue and the development of best practices and tools.

Through active dialogue, members evaluate current practices, changes and proposed changes - policy and otherwise - that impact the federally-sponsored research environment to **reduce administrative burdens** that are experienced by *both investigators and institutions* as they undertake research supported by federal grants and contracts.

This dialogue takes place during the FDP's three annual meetings *and, more extensively*, through the many collaborative working groups and task forces that meet (via phone or online meetings).

We want our researchers to do research, not administration

- The FDP's work **enables** researchers to conduct their research in an environment that supports accountability and effective stewardship in a more efficient manner.
- The FDP **empowers** federal and university administrators to demonstrate and implement regulatory changes and process improvements that support *accountability, effective stewardship, and business efficiencies*.
- The FDP **achieves** measurable results in its demonstrations and projects for the benefit of all in the research enterprise.

We have a model partnership

- The FDP **facilitates** collaboration between federal agencies and FDP member institutions, and our cooperation serves as a model throughout the research enterprise.
- FDP **engages** all institutional partners -- faculty, research administrators, technical experts, and federal program officials.



PARTNERSHIPS

FEDERAL

- Federal agency participation is **critical**.
- Participation **encourages partnership and interaction** among federal agencies and supports effective research outcomes, awardee accountability, and communication.

FACULTY

- Provides a **unique forum** for principal investigators to engage with research administrators, IT specialists, and federal partners, and effect real change.

TECHNICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

- Offers a **diverse** group of institutions and administrators who are devoted to improving research productivity and minimizing administrative burden.
- Prompt and thoughtful **feedback** is available on potential improvements in grants management, and a diverse **test bed** for implementation of new research grant-related requirements, processes, and policies.



PHASE VII GOALS



- **Demonstrate** positive impact on administrative efficiency and effectiveness: Set up new working group or committee to *standardize templates and guidance* related to demonstrations and pilots with an emphasis on data collection.
- **Institutionalize** evaluations to determine the relevance and impact of FDP: Set up new working group or committee to develop and oversee *creation of metrics and evaluation*.
- **Strengthen** resources and infrastructure to sustain FDP growth: *Strengthen infrastructure* to sustain and grow FDP.
- **Actively engage** community partners – administrator, faculty, and federal representatives: Continue to *enhance federal engagement*; *Develop and implement strategies* for better integrating faculty into ongoing FDP activities; *Monitor participation* closely and provide more personal outreach to members who have lapsed in representation, and *encourage members* to send backup institutional counterparts to represent their institution.
- **Tell** a powerful FDP story to internal and external audiences: *Develop a comprehensive communications and marketing plan*; Prepare a compelling FDP story in brochure or online format; Share the story broadly.

Phase VII Demonstrations have specific objectives and may require an evaluation of outcomes in order to determine suitability for the full FDP. They normally involve at least one member institution and may involve a federal agency. Demonstrations consist of the types of activities listed below.

Demonstration Type	Description
Exploratory Initiative, Study, or White Paper Development	Activity to review or research a topic with the goal of streamlining the administration of federally sponsored research; completed prior to advancing to another demonstration type
Tool or Guidance Document	A document that provides specific information for the FDP to either meet its needs for planning, or to provide information in response to questions addressed to the FDP
Survey	An activity that provides specific information for the FDP to either meet its needs for planning, or to provide information in response to questions addressed to the FDP
Pilot Project	Formal activity that may need written commitment from federal agencies and member organizations <i>confirming their intention to participate</i> in the pilot project and evaluate its development and implementation.
Ongoing Project	Ongoing extension of any demonstration activity that has completed the evaluation of outcomes and resulted in sustained FDP membership and/or federal agency benefit

CURRENT DEMONSTRATIONS

Letter of
Credit
Draw
Survey

Troublesome
clauses system
contracts

Faculty
Workload
Survey

Faculty
Administrator
Collaboration Team
(FACT)

IRB
Exempt
Wizard

IACUC MOU
Working
group

Subaward
Templates

Understanding
Subaward
Delays
Workgroup

Financial Conflict
of Interest
clearinghouse

Compliance
Unit Standard
Procedures
(CUSP)

Other
Transaction
Authority
(OTA)

Data Transfer
& Use
Agreement
(DTUA)

ONGOING PROJECTS

EXPANDED CLEARINGHOUSE

This widely-used initiative allows pass-through entities to utilize on-line entity profiles in lieu of subrecipient commitment forms to obtain information needed for issuing subawards or monitoring their subrecipient entities.

FCOI CLEARINGHOUSE

This initiative provides a central location for educational institutions and other entities to document that they are in compliance with the PHS Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) rules and regulations.

SUBAWARD FORMS

The FDP Subaward templates are designed to expedite and streamline federal subaward terms and negotiation among FDP member institutions. As regulations change, this continues to be an ongoing FDP demonstration.

FDP MEETINGS

Tri-annual meetings convene members for discussion about committee, federal agency, and working group updates. Meetings keep member institutions up-to-date on industry-wide trends.

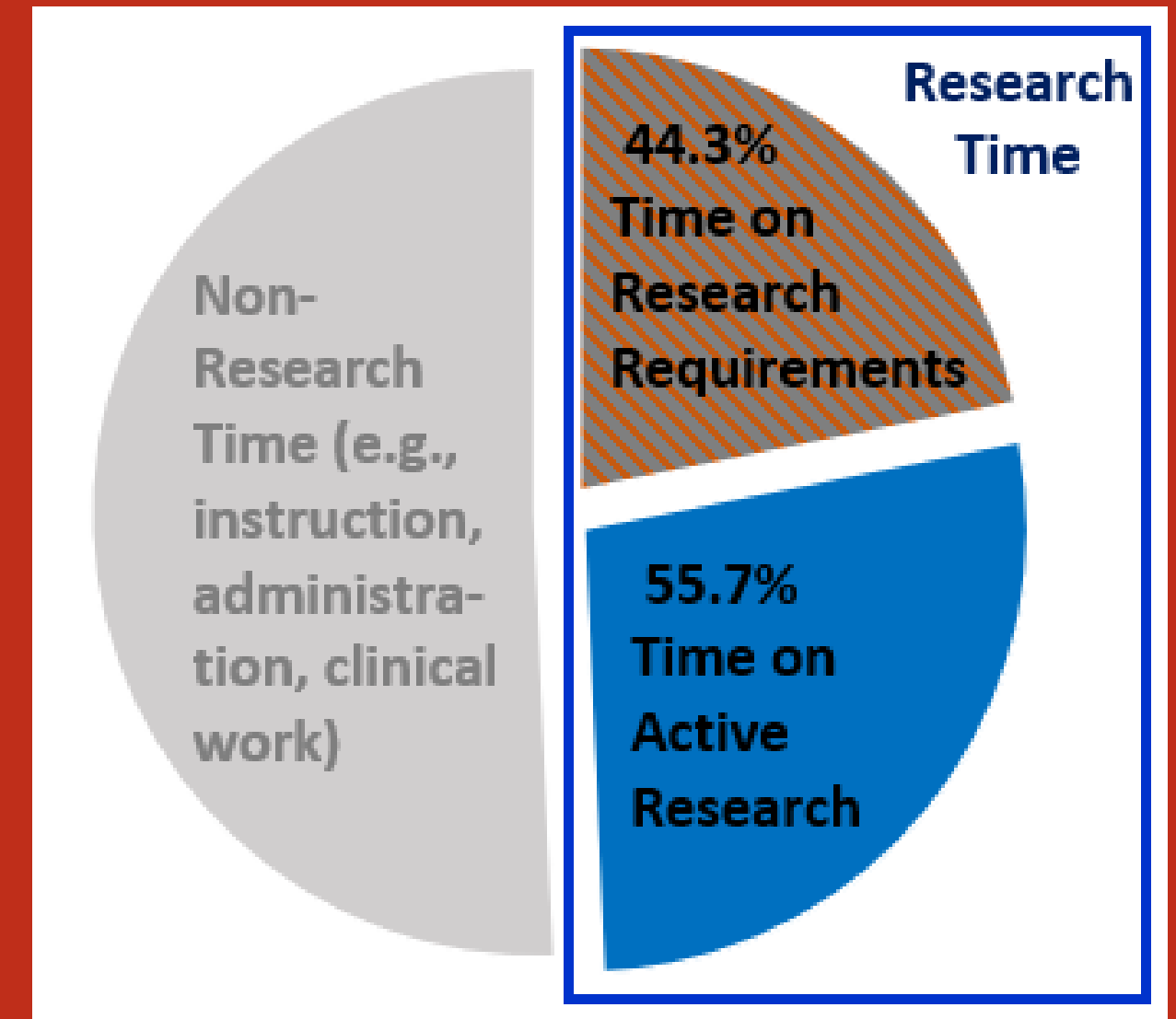
A DELICATE BALANCE: FACULTY RESEARCH TIME

FACULTY WORKLOAD SURVEY

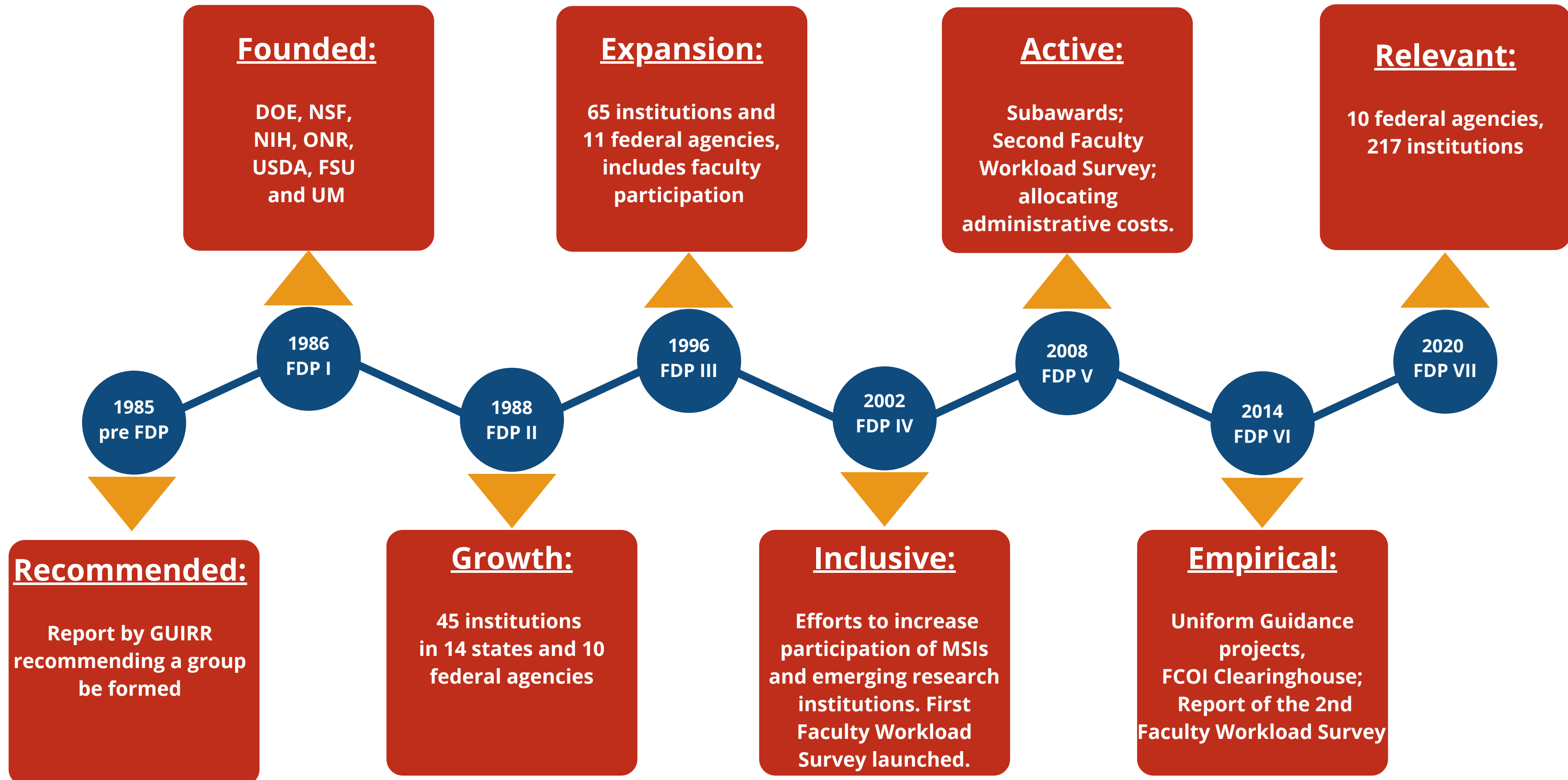
A key FDP demonstration is the Faculty Workload Survey, conducted in 2006, 2012, and 2018. *A primary finding is that the time needed by faculty to complete administrative and related requirements for federally-funded projects has been consistently high and has increased over time.*

"The collaborative nature of the **FDP**, with its **ability to elicit input from and encourage interaction among researchers, administrators, federal agency representatives, and other interested parties**, is well-positioned to play a critical role in moving in the direction to promote a more efficient and effective research enterprise."*

*Schneider, S. L. (2020). 2018 Faculty Workload Survey: Report of Primary Findings (p. 55). FDP Foundation.
<http://thefdp.org/default/assets/File/Documents/FDP%20FWS%202018%20Primary%20Report.pdf>



TIMELINE





Join one or more listservs [here](#)

- Main
- Contracts
- Electronic Research Administration (eRA)
- Animal Care and Use Subcommittee
- Subawards
- Uniform Guidance Procurement Issues
- Data Stewardship
- FFATA
- Emerging Research Institution (ERI)
- Research Administration Committee
- Costing/Finance/Audit Committee
- Faculty Administrator Collaboration Team (FACT)
- Open Government Subcommittee
- Faculty Forum
- Friends of FDP (for non-members)

PARTICIPATE



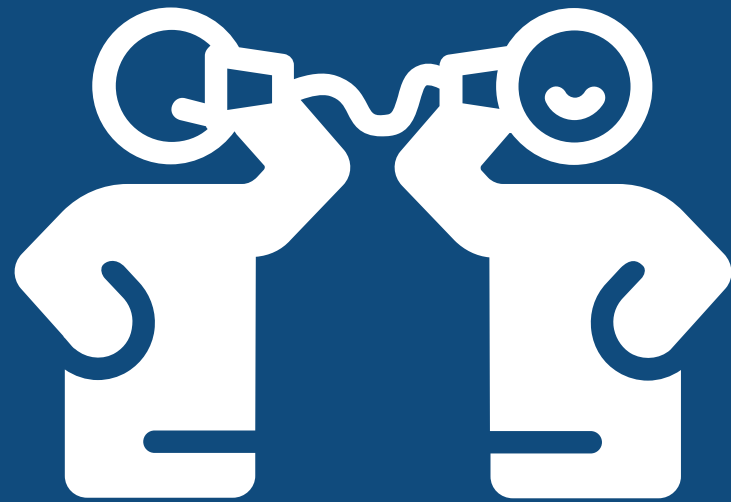
Executive Committee



Finance Committee



Membership Committee



Communications Committee



Faculty Committee



ERA Committee



Finance/Audit/Costing Policy Committee

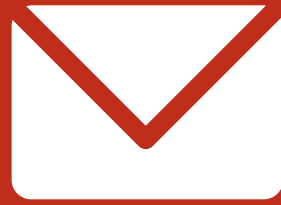


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