| FDP Initiative: | Faculty-Administrator Collaboration Team (FACT) |
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| Description of Initiative: | FACT brings together Faculty and Administrators for focused dialogue and joint efforts centered on enhancing faculty-administrator collaboration for successful research operations both within FDP member organizations as well as throughout FDP in support of FDPs overall mission. |
| Purpose / Goals / Objectives: | FACT will explore the wide varieties of structures existing among the FDP member organizations related to how faculty and administration interact on an operational and strategic basis. Why do these structures exist and how do they impact the success of organizations research programs? Are they primarily historical structures that may no longer provide optimal support, or are they more sophisticated and creative structures that complement and take full advantage of the faculty-administration partnership? FACT will collect and inventory challenges and successes relevant to this vital research collaboration and prioritize key areas for discussion, analysis and, eventually, recommended improvements. We expect that individual projects, working groups or other efforts will result from this Initiative. |
| | We anticipate the activities of FACT to include items such as: Initial pilot/trial analysis and data/information collection related to current state of faculty and administrator collaboration, from a qualitative and quantitative perspective Additional projects determined appropriate based on the results, analysis and information learned on the above initial project Development of support materials and guidance related to helping identify FDP member organization faculty and administrative reps, developing and supporting an ongoing collaborative relationship and supporting the sharing of FDP related information back and forth between FDP member organization and the FDP itself Ongoing open sessions at FDP Meetings to discuss initial and ongoing projects, as well as discuss others that might be appropriate Annual reports of activities, results and future plans FACT is exploratory in this first phase to determine whether focused efforts, discussion and activities are beneficial, fit with the FDP mission and can produce beneficial results. |
| Significance to FDP | Both faculty and administrators attend FDP together as representatives of their organizations, but these two groups rarely connect formally within the FDP structure and meetings to explore their current relationships and collaborative efforts to ensure they are optimal and fully supporting the overall goals of individual organizations and the FDP overall. |
| | Although many FDP Working Groups and Subcommittees address related areas by ensuring there is both faculty and administrator representation related to the specific topic area, no current group specifically focuses on and considers how faculty and administrators collaborate to achieve research success, particularly at the organization level. |

| Participants | Understanding these organizational collaborations, in aggregate and individually, is crucial to understanding the national academic research operation. In addition, this collaboration is of great interest to faculty, who often have difficulty finding activities at FDP that affect them daily. FACT provides a time to brainstorm what type of activities can be undertaken on an ongoing basis to support this vital collaboration. 2018 Co-Chairs: Mark Haselkorn, University of Washington (Faculty) David Reed, Michigan Technological University (Administrator) FACT Organization Members: (each organization provides a minimum of one faculty and one administrator) Case Western Research University Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science College of Charleston Duke University Michigan State University Michigan Technological University Northeastern University University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill University of Washington |
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| | Participants: All faculty, administrators and federal agency representatives are eligible to participate. Participants can attend and interact at meetings, participate in projects, illustrate organization examples and present ideas for moving forward to enhance current collaborations. |
| Responsible Group | FACT grew initially out of discussions at the Faculty Engagement Working Group however; we recommend that going forward FACT should exist equally across faculty and administrative sides of the FDP structure. |
| Evaluation Plan | FACT proposes to report to the Executive Committee on at least an annual basis to include assessment of planned activities, goals and results. Plans for this include: Initial charter request submitted after initial exploratory conversations and sessions – Fall 2017 (approval to continue sessions at FDP meetings was approved) Updated charter & work proposal – Spring 2018 Report on initial collaboration assessment projects (Qual & Quant) – Sept 2018 mtg First Annual written report to Executive Committee – Dec 2018 Second Annual written report to Executive Committee – Dec 2019 / Final Report with recommendations going into next Phase. |
| Time estimate | Three Years: 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2019 |