TO: The University Senate
FROM: Faculty Affairs Committee
SUBJECT: Research Faculty Policy and Change in Guidelines for Research Faculty
DISPOSITION: University Senate for Information and Endorsement
REFERENCES: Research Faculty Policy 2011
Guidelines for Research Faculty Appointment 2011
Background and Summary of Changes
Frequently Asked Questions
Members Research Faculty Working Group
Senate Document 04-4
Research Faculty Implementation Guidelines 2005

Currently, Purdue documents pertaining to Research Faculty consist of: 1) University Senate Document 04-4 passed in 2004, which defined the position of Research Faculty and; 2) Research Faculty Implementation Guidelines that were issued by the Office of the Vice President for Research in 2005. Two new documents, which are slated to supersede the current documents, are being presented to the University Senate for endorsement. The Research Faculty Policy 2011 is a new policy in Purdue's official policy format that combines the original Senate Document 04-4 and Research Faculty Implementation Guidelines 2005 into a single document. Details of the appointment process for Research Faculty are now contained in a document entitled "Guidelines for Research Faculty Appointments 2011".

Two revisions to the original Senate Document 04-4 and the original Research Faculty Implementation Guidelines issued in 2005 are contained in the Research Faculty Policy 2011 and the Guidelines for Research Faculty Appointments 2011. These revisions were proposed by the Research Faculty Working Group that was convened in the spring of 2010 by the Vice President for Research to study the policies relating to Research Faculty at Purdue University.

CURRENT (from Senate Document 04-4)	**PROPOSED** (from Research Faculty Policy 2011)
Research Faculty will be supported only from extramural funds.	Research Faculty positions must be primarily supported from extramural funds. It is recognized that certain effort (e.g. proposal writing, serving on graduate student advisory committees and other activities not related to the objectives of funded research projects) may not be compensated by federal funds. Therefore, at the discretion of the appointing

	unit and subject to the availability of funds, alternative sources to federal/extramural funding, including non-restricted university funds (e.g., gift funds and general funds), may be appropriated by the appointing unit for partial support, not to exceed 25% of the total annual compensation of each Research Faculty position.
No provision for Research Faculty not appointed to academic units (e.g., interdisciplinary centers) to serve as major professors of graduate students	Non-academic units (e.g., interdisciplinary centers) may seek to establish a departmental affiliation for Research Faculty appointed in their center. Departments must approve any affiliation and bear no financial responsibility for affiliated Research Faculty. Research Faculty affiliated with an academic unit may serve as major professors of graduate students in the department, subject to the policies and procedures of the affiliating department and the Graduate School.