

Draft Report of IFC Retreat 8/1/2006 – 8/2/2006

This year's IFC retreat was devoted to setting the agenda for the upcoming year. At present, it appears that the IFC will spend a substantial amount of time considering two major issues: (1) matters related to departmental assessment and accountability, including the definition and components of accountability (e.g., student assessment, cost effectiveness of programs, and research and service contributions), the appropriateness or otherwise of current accountability mechanisms, and whether there is a need for other or additional accountability mechanisms, and (2) policies related to faculty affairs, such as faculty leave policies (which are not currently consistent system-wide), A 21 "post award" compliance, and so-called "amorous relationship" policies. Other issues that we hope to address include the proposed possibility of criminal background checks on new faculty hires, post tenure review policies, and the use of a 12 month year for faculty teaching loads.