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Academic Coordinators

Representative Group Report to the Academic Assembly Council

The Academic Coordinator's Representative Group consists of 12 academics from which a Chair, Kris Lynn-Patterson, and Chair Elect/Secretary, Shermaine Hardesty were elected. Out-going Chair is Joyce Strand. This is the third year for the committee members and elections will need to be held this year in the spring.

The Representative Group met to discuss any issues and suggestions that Academic Coordinators may have to bring to the January, 2011 Academic Assembly Council meeting.

1. **Principal Investigator status:** Several Acad. Coordinators (ACs) were not aware that their supervisor may request P.I. status for the AC. Several ACs have P.I. status by exception and feel that it is needed to run their individual programs, but several others didn't see it as needed.

The ACs feel that P.I. status requirements should be explained at the time of appointment to AC title. It was discussed that the Representative Committee will make sure the Group is aware of the ability to request P.I. status.

2. **Fixed Ending Date/Definite Term Appointment:** A discussion about the problems of a fixed ending date without notice that an appointment will not be renewed. The Representative Group asks that this be discussed at the meeting. Since appointments usually ARE renewed, the Group strongly feels that there should be a length of time that one can count on if the position is NOT going to be renewed. The Group feels that ANR should provide some amount of advance notice before the definite term ends so that the academic coordinator is better able to manage the transition.

Other discussion concerned the ability for ACs to ask for Professional Society travel funds and to be nominated for Distinguished Service awards. There are currently several new ACs in the 4-H program, and this meeting gave us a chance to let them know about these two benefits of representation on the Academic Assembly Council.

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