Academic Affairs Update – Initiatives for 2009-2010

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The 8 Priorities

Priorities	Institute goals; Achievement Measures
Student Success	Campus goals: Increase persistence and graduation rates
Equity, plurality, and inclusivity	Embrace an inclusive learning environment for RIT community that strives to seek a better understanding of one another
Research, scholarship, and creative works	Campus goal: Increase campus scholarship and research, particularly sponsored research
Innovation	Campus goal: Provide innovation learning opportunities for students
International Education	Campus mission: Provide global education experience
Academic Operations	Support for the academic programs; budget, space, communication, shared governance
Academic Program Excellence	Ensure strong accreditation; academic program management; support for general education;
Faculty Success	Expectation clarity; workload calibration; 'success' resources

The 09-10 Initiatives

Initiative	Status		Priority
Implement tenure policy changes	College committees working on charges		Faculty Success
Develop and implement Statement of Expectations for pre-tenure faculty	Statement of Expectations should be now signed by all pretenure faculty	✓	Faculty Success
Develop Academic Program Review framework	Draft v1.0 now complete through work of Dr. Licata and Associate Deans; brought to deans, chairs; next: Academic Affairs committee		Academic Program Excellence
Develop +/- grading system implementation	Implementation plan developed and in process		Student, Faculty Success
Implement Tiger Team recommendations	Licata and others working to implement key recommendations; required advising		Student Success; Inclusivity

The 09-10 Initiatives

Initiative	Status		Priority
Establish faculty associate mentoring system	Faculty Associates hired and working with faculty; developing scalable system	•	Faculty Success; Inclusivity
Review and revise honors program	Proposal now developed; under review by Provost		Acad. Prog. Excellence
Develop Institute Writing Program	Proposal developed by Institute Writing Committee; under review by Provost		Acad. Prog. Excellence
Review and revise teaching evaluations	Taskforce formed by Provost and AS; initial recommendations to AS by spring		Student, Faculty Success
Salary benchmarking process	Increment anticipated and planned;		Faculty Success
Calendar	Discussion process complete; President to make decision		Academic Operations

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Develop new framework for General Education	New Gen Ed committee formed; charge to develop principles and framework by spring	Acad. Prog. Excellence
Advance 'Greater Expectations' dialogue	Recommendations delivered to various committees; developing proposal for FYE	Acad. Prog. Excellence
Explore cross- fertilization of teaching, programs, research	Academic Affairs committee working	Acad. Prog. Excellence
Enhance promotion to full professor process	Faculty Affairs committee in process	Faculty Success
Simplify and enhance faculty titles in E6.0	Faculty Affairs committee in process	Faculty Success
Calibrate faculty workloads	95% of pre-tenure faculty now in ~24 CH target – campus commitment of ~\$200K	Faculty Success