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FR:  Richard M. Carpiano, Chair  
      Faculty Executive Committee, School of Public Policy  

RE:  [Campus Review] Proposal: Proposed Draft Guideline/Policy on Research Labs  

Date:  April 26, 2023  

The Faculty Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy reviewed the documentation for “[Campus Review] Proposal: Proposed Draft Guideline/Policy on Research Labs.” 

The creation of such a campus policy can help ensure sufficient, appropriate lab space exists for faculty research and student training; is efficiently accounted for in terms of quantity and capability; and is equitably allocated across campus units. However, members raised the following concerns with the current document:  

1. The suggested rules for lab allocation need much more development, especially regarding the specific needs of various types of research conducted across the different colleges and schools.  

2. While it is under the Provost’s purview to determine which lab space is allocated to which unit, it is unclear how that determination will be made. There is a lack of clarity and transparency surrounding equity of lab assignment, particularly given the current facility space shortage. For example, will lab assignments be rotated across colleges, or some other method be enacted so that certain colleges and departments are not favored over others?  

3. In point #2 of the document, the use of the term “Org head” is unclear and needs to be clarified or replaced with more specific language. Does this term refer to the dean of a college/school?  

Sincerely,  

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