

September 6, 2013

MEMO TO: Academic Senate

FROM: Hank Liese
Co-Chair, University RPT Standards Committee (URPTSC)

RE: Annual Report, 2012-2013

Meeting Schedule

The University RPT Standards Committee met 5 times during the 2012-2013 academic year, on the following schedule:

<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
September 28	January 25
November 30	February 22
	April 26

Departmental/College RPT Reviews

With input and assistance from Associate Vice President Amy Wildermuth and her representative, Robert Flores, the committee reviewed and gave *final approval* to RPT statements from the following departments/colleges:

- 1) Nursing
- 2) Communication
- 3) Occupational Therapy
- 4) Architecture + Planning

The URPTSC continues to work on the following departmental RPT statements and intends to have final approval on all documents by the end of the 2013-14 academic year:

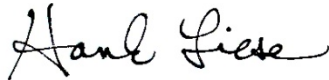
- 1) Art & Art History
- 2) Libraries (Marriott, Quinney, Eccles—combined document)
- 3) Biology
- 4) Math
- 5) English
- 6) Metallurgical Engineering
- 7) Nutrition
- 8) Parks, Recreation, & Tourism

Additional URPTSC Activities in 2012-2013

The URPTSC engaged in the following additional discussions and activities in the past year:

- The proposal to the Senate (passed in spring 2013) to change faculty nomenclature (*regular to tenure-line, auxiliary to career-line*) and to secure representation of career-line faculty on the Senate.
- The re-forming of the URPTSC's Career-line Faculty Subcommittee to work on reviewing and approving College-level retention and promotion standards for career-line faculty. (This work will continue in earnest in the 2013-14 academic year).
- The importance in the RPT process of peer observation of teaching and moving departments to viewing peer observation as "best practice."
- A renewed commitment to develop a standardized "template" to assist departments in writing/revising their RPT statements.
- Meetings with the School of Medicine to provide guidance in the revising of the SOM RPT guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hank Liese".

Hank Liese
URPTSC Co-Chair