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Postscript: Recommendations of the Joint Task Force on Faculty Retention and Success

On October 6, 2010, the Joint Task Force appointed by Acting Vice President Steve Murray and the Academic Senate Executive Committee reported its recommendations for action to improve faculty retention and success (ASD 10-136). The task force members were Jon Brusckhe, James Dietz, Angela Della Volpe, Shari McMahan, Chris Renne, and Sean Walker. The recommendations are as follows:

- Of the highest priority, reduce the effective teaching load for tenured faculty with demonstrated scholarly/creative accomplishments or providing high quality service from 4/4 to 3/3. Additionally, provide credit for supervision courses; provide assigned time for faculty serving as chairs of major university committees.
- Incentivize and expand grant support.
- Increase support for faculty child care at the Children's Center.

Additional information was requested from Academic Affairs with respect to cost and implementation issues. Acting Vice President Murray is scheduled to meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the recommendations in mid-November. A resolution supporting the recommendations of the Joint Task Force is on the October 21st (ASD 10-137) agenda of the Academic Senate.