

Text of President McCormick's March 25, 2009 Response to the [October 2005 Senate Report and Recommendations on Charge S-0407, Faculty Reporting Processes](#):

I am writing in response to the Report and Recommendation on Charge S-0407 on faculty reporting processes, as adopted by the University Senate in October, 2005. I thank the members of the Faculty Affairs and Personnel Committee for their attention to this issue.

I am pleased to report that since the adoption of this resolution several years ago, we have continued to upgrade the faculty survey. Rob Heffernan, Director of our Office of Institutional Research and Academic Planning (OIRAP), has detailed the ongoing enhancements to the system through which faculty enter a record of their activities on a NetID secure web site. Among these upgrades are the following:

- Data from a CV can now be pasted directly into the input screens of the faculty survey, while still retaining certain formatting, e.g. links to the publication, bold, italics, underline, super/subscript, bulleting, Greek letters, and special characters.
- Customizable category captions permit inclusion of additional types of information (e.g., add a header within a standard category to include special categories of activity or unique arrangements) and there is the capability to move data between categories.
- In addition to outputting a completed official promotion form or PHS 398 BioSketch, faculty can retrieve a record of personal information from a variety of pre-defined formats for personal use.
- Faculty can produce a permanent personal link to their customized CV in a secure PDF format. This link can be put on their personal website or on a soon-to-be-available personal web page built through the faculty survey.
- The faculty survey database is a valuable resource for producing "Accomplishment and Service Activity Reports" for deans and chairs, and is the principal way to join the Media Experts and Speakers Bureau programs.

In addition, to help with completing promotion forms and to save the faculty time, OIRAP is still offering CV input and retrieval of SIRS (teaching evaluations). As the Center for Teaching Advancement and Assessment Research makes the transition to electronic forms, this data will be automatically linked to the faculty survey database. In addition, faculty who participate in the RUcore project will be able to add links in the faculty survey to PDFs of their publications. The faculty survey stands as an important component in our developing faculty information system.