CAFR Update by Gale Sigal

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The CAFR dealt with two issues so far this year:

1. Business School Grading Policy

2. Medical School New Salary Draft Document

On #1:

a. Presumably due to the criticisms heard from around the campus, on the part of AAUP, the Senate, its own faculty, as well as CAFR, the Business School has revised its grading *policy* to a grading *recommendation*; it is no longer required but the School has set out a grading guideline.

b. In addition, the recommendation now allows for Ds and Fs to be excluded from the overall distributions. From what we've heard (from members of the school), the revisions to the policy are acceptable.

c. I can submit a copy of the approved improved guidelines to the Senate.

On #2:

a. The CAFR has recently been informed about the new Medical School salary document draft. It looks very problematic.

b. We will look into taking action when we learn more about the responses to the Senate's inquiry and the updated, presumably revised, document once the FRC and Senate committees meet.

c. From the CAFRs point of view, the revised policy poses a threat to tenure and therefore to academic freedom by having no bottom limit to the salary reductions.