Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting November 6, 2012 1:30pm -3pm AB5 309

Summary

Present: Toll, Venglar, Harrison, Jaeger, Laviolette, Snyder, Cordova, Yih, Rollo, Lehtomaa, Brunner, Felton, St. Hill, Brazzeal, Specht, Swingle, Mamarchev, Davis

Absent: Blood, Genson, Kavanagh, Magiera, McDonald, Myers, Vargas

In attendance: Slade, Goen

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron skipped his report in the interest of time.

Review of Standing Committee Reports:

Budget:

Shawn Felton reported the committee was examining priorities for funding should additional revenue become available next year.

ERMC:

Marc reported that the stop-out survey had been administered to 980 students and so far had received 77 responses. They want to see if there are a high number of senior stop outs as occurred in the first administration of the survey last spring. He mentioned that the retention subgroup was looking at the engagement workshop recommendations from last year and particularly looking at why sophomores leave the university. The enrollment management group is looking at the potential group of students who might be admitted in 2014. They have met with the Budget and SFC committees to work on space and facility capacity, enrollment growth, and budgetary implications. Marc asked when a report is needed and Ron responded that before the Legislative session for the spring begins would be the time. Marc also reported that fall applications were up by 135 but transfer numbers were down by an equal percentage and down 20 percent for this coming spring (or about 80 students). Marc noted that Edison transfer numbers were still growing but Edison’s overall enrollment is down which might impact our numbers in the future since about 60% of our transfers come from Edison.

ESC:

Sarah reported that input from the land-use forums was being analyzed. She added the committee was also looking at campus wildlife policy since deer are being hit frequently on campus by cars. She also mentioned the committee was planning a field trip to Buckingham to review the site.
IRC:

Dave Jaeger said the committee was refining the eligibility criteria for access to the technology fee fund and also a process for requesting allocations from the fund based on models being used at other SUS institutions. Dave noted that Business Services Technology was working with the Bookstore with regard to the roll out of Windows 8, which the Bookstore is selling to students now but is unsupported by the university. He also said they were getting the service warranty extended to 3 years for Mac purchases similar to that for PC’s purchased through the university.

SFC:

Barrett could not be present but Paul shared the contents of an email he sent before the meeting:

“Please note that the PBC has not had any substantive discussion regarding the recommendations for classroom utilization sent from the Safety & Facilities Committee in August to the PBC. It would be interesting have at least some initial response from the PBC to the SFC in this matter. Thanks.”

There was discussion of this email with the consensus that the PBC had considered the recommendations at a previous meeting and then remanded the recommendations to the SFC for them to determine which of their recommendations were most feasible through consultation with others affected by the recommendations before bringing back a smaller set to the PBC.

SPIEC:

Paul reported that the two policies recommended by the OATF and Senate for revision based upon changes to the university’s student learning outcomes were being considered with the involvement of the PRT of the Senate. He hoped that recommendations could be considered by the PBC by the end of the semester or early in the spring before going through the policy process.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Ron reported his attendance at a recent Student senate meeting where funding to restore library hours was passed. Ron also reported that a summer commencement was being planned for the first time to be held the first weekend in August. He added that a separate spring commencement for graduate students was also being planned. Finally, Ron told the committee he had been selected to lead the SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents.

Next Steps:

The next meeting of the PBC is scheduled for November 20. The meeting was then adjourned.