Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting February 19, 2013 1:30pm-3pm Edwards Hall 309

Summary

Present: Toll, Harrison, Blood, Mayo, Jaeger, Laviolette, Lehtomaa, Venglar, Snyder, Cordova, Yih, Rollo, Brunner, Felton, St. Hill, Brazzeal, Mamarchev, Magiera, Davis, Robinson for Vargas

Absent: Kavanagh, Specht, Swingle, McDonald, Myers

In attendance: McEwan

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron reported that the proposed policy revisions to the institutional directives policy that had been approved by the PBC at its last meeting had been forwarded to the Cabinet for its review. Ron said this was an excellent example of shared governance and how the PBC is envisioned to function. He thanked the SPIEC for its work on behalf of the PBC.

Review of Standing Committee Reports:

Budget:

Shawn Felton drew the Council’s attention to the revised budget priorities document for allocating any of the funds that were cut from the university’s budget by the Legislature last year. Shawn said the committee had met and considered the concerns expressed at our last meeting: 1) Dave Jaeger had raised some issues concerning the use of Technology Fee money to cover IT staff salaries and the future use of Tech Fee funds. 2) Mike Rollo suggested that 1st-year advisors be added to the list as well since the ratio was about 700 to 1. 3) Paul suggested the categories related to the priorities should be aligned with the strategic plan’s goals and used by the units as they compiled their action plans to update the SP for next year. Shawn indicated that first-year advisors had been added with the other advisors, that the question of technology funding was not part of the current objective of setting priorities, and that Strategic Plan Goals and strategies had been associated with the budget priorities as requested. Ron asked for a motion to approve the revised budget priorities. Shawn made the motion and Halcyon seconded the motion. Ron called the vote and there was unanimous approval. Ron said he will bring these priorities to the Cabinet for its review.

ERMC:

Marc noted that they expected to complete their enrollment/space report within the next few weeks. He restated that the retention group is working on a series of 2 workshops this semester: the first will be held on February 26 on Engaging Millennials in the Classroom and the second will be scheduled for April. There was a prolonged discussion concerning admissions dates, orientations, and how to ensure sufficient seats in classes for new students.
ESC:

Sarah reported that the committee was still analyzing data from the land-use forums in the fall. They are gathering input from stakeholders like Julie Gleason.

IRC:

Dave Jaeger said the committee met last week and had questions and wanted to meet more often with the budget committee to get revenue projections for tech fee funds that might be incorporated into the IT funding plan. He said that the IRC also reviewed a draft policy on data storage. Concern was expressed with regard to the disposition of data stored on small portable devices such as thumb drives. Also there was a request to install Firefox as a supplemental browser to IE since many web apps don’t work well with IE.

SFC:

Tom Mayo reported that the group had met and reviewed Emergency Safety Guidelines drafted by the UPD. The group also reviewed a draft policy prohibiting skateboards on covered walkways on campus. Buckingham master planning will begin with a tour on March 13 from 1-4. Ron reminded the committee that he would like a conceptual plan rather than a detailed plan.

SPIEC:

Paul reported that the committee had compiled a list of about 45 committees with a university-wide impact and had shared the lists with Faculty Senate and SAC for their input. He still hopes to bring something to the PBC later this spring. Paul said the request for goals and action plans has been delayed awaiting guidance on priorities emerging from the PBC for Cabinet review. He said he hopes the request can go out within the next few weeks. He added that SPIEC was continuing its interviews with VPs and co-chairs to receive progress reports on the attainment of current year action plans to fulfill goals of the strategic plan.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Next Steps:

The next meeting of the PBC scheduled for March 5 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on March 19 1:30-3pm in Edwards Hall 309. The meeting was then adjourned.