Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting February 21, 2012 1:30pm -3:30pm AB5 309

Summary

Present: Toll, Brazzeal, Brunner, Crawford, Felton, Johnson, Snyder, Harrison, Jaeger, Mamarchev, Myers, St. Hill, Blood, Carter, Cordova, Magiera, Roberts, Rollo, Laviolette

Absent: Genson, McShane, Kavanagh

Guests: Baughman, Rodrigues, Snauwaert

In attendance: Smith and Slade

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron announced that Rosemary Thomas had joined the university replacing Steve Magiera as VP for Advancement. Ron then mentioned that the QEP selection process was advancing and asked Paul to provide an overview of the process and what was to happen next. Paul described the process and referred the Council to the QEP website which contained all information on the process that anyone could need. Ron noted he was soliciting input widely across the campus before making a final decision on a topic before the end of March. He then introduced Ruth and her colleagues from the Space Coding Committee of the SFC.

Space Coding Committee of SFC Report: Space Coding Review and Appeal Process:

Ruth introduced Sue and Tamera, distributed documents, and then provided an overview of the coding process and the proposed appeal process. There was considerable discussion about who should hear appeals. After some debate, it was decided that the Safety and Facilities Committee should hear any appeal over space coding. Ron again thanked the group for their work.

Review of Standing Committee Reports:

Budget:

Steve Magiera told the Council that a projected revenue increase in a best case scenario next year would be $7 million. However, this would be offset by existing commitments, expected increases in services/licenses, etc. Areas that would be targeted for savings would be travel, adjunct and overload budgets, and vacant lines. He said the situation was very dynamic and stressed again the near certainty there would be no new PECO funding.

ERMC:

Marc reported on plans for the Student Engagement Day to be held on March 23rd. He also reported on the stop-out survey that indicated 26% of 504 stop-outs were in their senior year.
ESC:
Lewis reported on FGCU’s success as a participant in the Climate Commitment, FGCU as a finalist for a national award for sustainability, the identification of potential building retrofitting to enhance energy efficiency, the interviewing of VP’s concerning progress on the environmental strategic plan, and consideration of a master plan for the campus environment.

IRC:
Dave reported that the IRC had updated the 5-Yr Strategic Plan for Technology. He added that tech funding priority 1 was continuation funding for existing licenses and that after that funding for imaging technology. Other things being worked on included an updating of IT staff benchmarking data, a comparison of cost drivers for online vs. face to face courses, and a survey of faculty software needs. Halcyon suggested looking at faculty effort in the cost driver comparison.

SFC:
In Barrett’s absence, Lewis reported on the work of the space coding committee and Steve confirmed the campus master plan would be going to the BOT at its April meeting.

SPIEC:
Paul reported that VP Rollo and Marc Laviolette had provided strategic plan updates to the SPIEC. He also noted that he had sent out a third reminder concerning the deadline to receive goals for the coming year as part of the 2012-2013 strategic plan updating process.

Old Business:
There was no old business.

New Business:
Ron recognized Doug who read a statement concerning the allocation of space within Ben Hill Griffin Hall and the lack of inclusiveness in the decision-making process. Shawn then shared a resolution adopted by the SPBAC of the Senate expressing its concern about the exercise of shared governance in this regard. There was much discussion that ensued concerning the role of the PBC in such instances. Ron acknowledged that this had been a missed opportunity that more properly should have involved at least the Safety and Facilities Committee. He added that there would be a first meeting of the Task Force on Shared Governance to occur on Thursday.

Next Steps:
The next meeting of the PBC is scheduled for March 6.