Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting March 20, 2012 1:30pm -3:30pm AB5 309

Summary

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

Absent: Kavanagh, Thomas

In attendance: Vargas, Slade

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron discussed the budget situation briefly noting that FGCU had suffered a $2.9M cut that assumes a full 15% tuition increase. He added that he had met with the co-chairs of the ERMC, SFC, and Budget committees last week to address three connected issues facing the university including budget, enrollment growth and space. Ron noted that the co-chairs had been asked to work through their respective committees to do the following:

1) Review the university’s guiding principles for budget reductions as previously approved by LRPIEC and reaffirm or suggest modifications to them.
2) Review the scheduling of classes to achieve greater efficiencies in line with further enrollment growth.
3) Determine how we can best accommodate growth in full-time faculty in terms of office space.
4) How do we mitigate growth limitations and what are our revenue projections going forward to support further growth.

Ron then responded to questions and comments from the Council members present. In response to a question from Barrett concerning a timeline for providing recommendations, Ron asked that recommendations from these three committees would need to come to the PBC by midterm in the fall semester and perhaps sooner if enrollment changes needed to occur. Doug asked if the committees would be presenting a single set of recommendations or whether they would provide a set of different options for the PBC’s consideration. Ron stated that flexibility in approach would probably be the best way to proceed.

Review of Standing Committee Reports:

Budget:

Steve Magiera told the Council that the committee will meet shortly to review the nearly $3 million in reductions submitted by each of the VPs and the President. The committee would also be reviewing the guiding principles as set forth by LRPIEC in 2008.
ERMC:

Marc reported on plans for the Student Engagement Day to be held on March 23rd. He noted some 128 registrants for the program.

ESC:

Lewis reported on voting for the Climate Leadership Award and that FGCU currently has 534 votes. He also noted that the committee had met with Joe McDonald to receive an update on progress toward the goals in the ESC Sustainability plan. He stated the committee was also creating a work group to examine non-utilized areas of the campus similar to what had been done with the campus trails.

IRC:

Dave reported that the IRC had updated the 5-Yr Strategic Plan for Technology, produced a final version of IT staffing benchmarks, and would be sending its IT funding priorities to the Budget Committee. He added that an executive summary had been drafted for the SPIEC when he meets with them next week. Dave also mentioned that use of Adobe Connect for conferencing during online classes was on the rise and up to 50 licenses currently being used.

SFC:

Barrett noted the SFC was meeting tomorrow and was trying to determine what the priority should be in terms of space for classrooms and offices. Megan suggested faculty be canvassed to see how many of them would like to work off-campus.

SPIEC:

Paul reported that Provost Toll had provided a strategic plan update to the SPIEC. He also noted that there had been an 82% response rate to the request for unit goals for the coming year as part of the 2012-2013 strategic plan updating process. He noted that the committee had begun its review of the action plans and would hear from Ken Kavanagh and Dave Jaeger at the meeting scheduled for next week. Paul noted that the action plans were on the shared drive in a folder for anyone who wanted to review them.

Old Business:

Barrett stated that the Campus Master Plan would go to the UBOT in April.

New Business:

Ron recognized Shawn who stated that the SPBAC of the Senate had discussed the issue of phone chargebacks, the lack of phones in classrooms, and various safety issues as something deserving of broader discussion. It was decided that the SFC would pursue this further.

Next Steps:
The next meeting of the PBC is scheduled for April 3.