Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting June 28, 2012 10:30am -12pm AB5 210

Summary

Present: Toll, Blood, Vazquez for Magiera, Venglar, Harrison (by phone), Johnson, Crawford, Jaeger, Henry for Laviolette, Snyder, Nolan for Cordova, Vargas, Rollo

Absent: Thomas, Brunner, Felton, Genson, Griffis, Myers, Brazzeal, Kavanagh

In attendance: Slade, Baker, Robinson

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron asked everyone to introduce themselves. Ron reviewed the tuition situation and the potential impacts of a 12% increase compared to a 14% increase.

Review of Standing Committee Reports:

Budget:

David Vazquez filling in for Steve Magiera reported on the impact of budget cuts and the possibility of the reserves falling below the legal minimum. Doug asked how the PBC might be involved in providing feedback or input to Cabinet decisions concerning how cuts might be made. Donna stated that instruction was a key priority. Doug lamented the shortcomings of the LRPIEC criteria in providing a clear set of funding priority criteria. He also emphasized the need to keep students informed about the impact of budget cuts. Ron said there would be appropriate engagement as the situation developed further.

ERMC:

Donna said that a report following up on the outcomes of the Kuh workshop last spring was in development and would be brought to the PBC in the fall.

ESC:

Lewis stated the committee was not meeting during the summer. He did provide information on the Sustainability award the university received from Second Nature and also details of a car rental scheme to be made available to faculty, staff, and students this fall.

IRC:

Dave stated the committee had met with HR to discuss the IT staff classifications and the need for their revision and progress toward the establishment of a call center as a SPOC for support issues.

SFC:

Neither co-chair was present, but Billy Blood and Mike Rollo reported on the committee’s recent meetings. Billy mentioned the committee was consulting with Marc Laviolette with regard to enrollment
plans and would also consult with the Budget committee before making recommendations. With regard to faculty offices he mentioned the meeting with faculty from (CAS) History and Faculty Senate on June 15 where they expressed the desire to have offices in Merwin that were comparable to existing faculty offices. They said that having an individual office was a higher priority for them than size if it came to that choice. Ron provided the history of consultation leading up to the meeting with the SFC and the involvement of the CAS faculty leadership. He noted that while $650,000 was being set aside for the work in Merwin Hall, the impact of a 12% tuition increase might alter plans. Donna made a motion that was seconded by Lewis to the effect that based on the fact there was sufficient existing faculty offices to accommodate faculty for the fall 2012 term, the PBC recommend to the President’s Cabinet that the full build-out of Merwin Hall be postponed to allow the SFC time to engage the campus in broader discussion of the design of faculty offices while requisite preparation work proceeded. In the discussion that followed, Ron pointed out that should the motion be adopted, the President’s Cabinet would direct the PBC on how to proceed. Ron called the motion and it was adopted unanimously by those in attendance.

**SPIEC:**

Paul reported that the updated tables to the Strategic Plan approved by the PBC at its May 15 meeting had been forwarded for Cabinet review which would occur once the current budget issues were addressed. He thanked the Faculty Senate for providing its recommendations for PBC memberships and noted those from SAC and SG as still pending.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Next Steps:**

Paul noted there were no further meetings of the PBC scheduled for this summer. The next meeting was scheduled to occur September 13 assuming there was no need for a meeting prior to that date.