Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Inaugural Meeting February 2, 2009 1-2pm AB5 309

Summary

Present: Toll, Shepard, Magiera, Snyder, Roberts, Bullock, Lennertz, Henry, Lindsey, Oistad, Ruder, Weeks, Banks, Crawford, Angerer  Absent: Rollo, Nester, and McKinney  Guest: President Bradshaw

President Bradshaw started the meeting by noting that the PBC is to be a major part of FGCU’s shared governance system and has representation from all major university constituencies. He added that the PBC will replace the former Long Range Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee (LRPIEC) that had been successful in its own right with a more broadly representative and transparent structure. He noted that the Council includes members of his Cabinet and will report to the Cabinet. He mentioned that those on appointment to the Council for one-year terms will have their appointments extended to include next year as well. He thanked the Council members for their commitment and turned the meeting over to Council chair, Provost Toll.

Provost Toll asked everyone to introduce themselves and noted that Paul Snyder would handle administering the work of the Council in addition to his role as a permanent member. He reiterated what President Bradshaw said about LRPIEC and the intent of the PBC to be more broadly inclusive and transparent in its work. Ron stated that the first order of business will be for the Council to provide input on the draft by-laws that have been posted on the Provost’s website for two months. He would like the Council to adopt by-laws at its next meeting to be scheduled in late February.

Provost Toll then reviewed the role of each constituent committee of the Council as described in the draft by-laws (see attached) and noted that he and co-chair VP Shepard would be scheduling meetings with each of the committees over the next several weeks to charge them and allow them to begin their work. Dr. Toll noted that the committee memberships are almost complete but need some additional review before being finalized.

After reviewing the committee structure of the Council, Dr. Toll asked Dr. Shepard to provide a budget briefing to the Council. Dr. Shepard noted that our budget has been cut nearly $6M and that we are facing the likelihood of even more severe cuts for the next fiscal year. For illustrative purposes, Joe presented several possible scenarios and their potential impact upon the university. He noted that our budget is largely enrollment driven in terms of both new students and continuing students. A tuition increase will be likely to mitigate potential state budget cuts.

Provost Toll thanked Dr. Shepard for his presentation and noted that the Council will be involved in critical decision making. He pledged to ensure there is good communication between the PBC, its committees, and the President’s Cabinet.

Provost Toll closed the meeting by asking Paul Snyder to follow-up on scheduling the next PBC meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.