Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom


Absent: J. Duran, A. McClure, J.P. Roczniak, C. Stoffle, T. Thompson

Guests: T. Miller

Call to Order
Co-Chair R. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of December 16, 2015
The minutes of December 16, 2015 were approved with two abstentions.

Updates-Provost Comrie
Provost Comrie shared four updates with the Committee.
1. The Provost announced the formation of a task force chaired by SPBAC member V. Del Casino that will help develop a plan to re-envision the Honors College experience for students. Dr. Patricia MacCorquodale, inaugural dean of the Honors College, will be stepping down from the position at the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. The task force will seek input from a wide range of stakeholders with the goal of helping to determine the direction of the College going forward.

2. UA Foundation Board of Trustees met with UA leadership in Phoenix last week to discuss new proposals and opportunities for UA fundraising. It was a very productive meeting, focusing on opportunities for growth.

3. Meetings have started with the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) and the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) about tuition setting for AY 16-17.

4. Governor Ducey has announced his plan for the Arizona budget. The budget proposal will go to the legislature during its spring meetings. The Governor’s proposal includes an increase of $8M to be divided amongst the three universities. UA’s portion would amount to about $2.2M. The Governor also responded positively to the proposal submitted by the three Arizona University presidents and the ABOR president to fund higher education on a per-student basis. K. Whisman explained other budget funding bullets in the Governor’s budget proposal.

X. Zeng asked the Provost if there had been any progress on increased involvement of UA faculty with potential donors in the fundraising process. The Provost affirmed that faculty involvement was key to fundraising success, and efforts will be made to both better involve and better train faculty to be involved in fundraising. The Provost reminded SPBAC that there is a
lag time of at least several years between investments in fundraising and the returns. T. Miller updated the Committee on the workshops being conducted with faculty, heads and directors by the Development Office. K. Urquidez explained ASUA’s initiative to engage students in sponsoring a “Senior Gift” to commemorate their graduation, in the process setting a standard for future financial support for the UA.

**Structured Discussion**
Members divided into small groups to discuss budget priorities: salaries (both faculty and staff); growth of current and future faculty, operational support; and development. The small groups reported out the priorities of their group, and addressing salaries for all was a consensus high priority. Another priority that emerged was attention to the student experience in retention and campus culture. The co-chairs will provide a summary document at a subsequent SPBAC meeting for further discussion.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**Future Meetings**
- February 3, 2016  8:15 am – 9:50 am   Old Main Boardroom
- February 17, 2016  8:15 am – 9:50 am   Old Main Boardroom
- March 2, 2016  8:15 am – 9:50 am   Old Main Boardroom
- March 16, 2016  CANCELLED-SPRING BREAK