Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2015
8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Old Main Boardroom


Guests: B. Champion, A. McClure

Call to Order
Co-Chair M. Galilee-Belfer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of January 7, 2015
The minutes of January 7, 2015 were approved.

Updates
Co-Chair Galilee-Belfer welcomed returning member Fares, who has been on sabbatical.

B. Bryson said that she and the UA finance team have been actively working to update the data needed for the Never Settle ABOR presentation the first week of February. The three-hour progress report will be on Thursday, February 5th at the UA. SPBAC members are encouraged to attend.

K. Whisman gave an update on newly inaugurated Governor Doug Ducey’s budget proposal that will further cut funding to Arizona universities. The proposed $75M cut, if accepted by the legislature will be divided between the three universities based on twenty-first day FTE numbers. This would result in about a $22M cut to the UA. The budget team is preparing a proposal for the Regents.

Members asked what role SPBAC will play in the upcoming budget proposal process. Provost Comrie and President Hart are expecting that SPBAC will be playing an active role. Members asked that SPBAC have real budget numbers to work with, so that discussions about necessary cuts can be more focused.

Provost Comrie updated the Committee concerning the progress of Cluster Hires. He explained that the cuts proposed by the Governor could impact the timing of the hires and strategic salary increases, but that some hires could well take place this year. Along that vein, members asked if
the state universities would be affected by the state government hiring freeze. Comrie answered that it impacted state agencies only. Members discussed the value of retirement incentives.

Provost Comrie talked about the role of tuition in the budget conversations. He has met with student leaders for input concerning tuition and tuition increases. He reminded members that last year was the first year for guaranteed tuition and that many students are enrolled in the program, so that even with a tuition increase, it would not affect every student. The tuition setting meetings with the Regents will be in April.

**Competitive Advantage: Ben Champion: Presidents Advisory Council on Environmental Sustainability (PACES)**

Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, sent the committee an outline of the PACES logic model in advance of the meeting as it relates to the *Never Settle* plan. He showed members how his group is part of the tri-fold document that SPBAC has been helping to develop throughout the Fall semester. There are many students actively engaged with many sustainability projects that are happening on the UA campus. He described how ASUA has helped develop and run an internship program involving sustainability issues. The Compost Cats and their agreement with Tucson is very successful. There are EcoReps in each of the dorms to make residents more aware of what they can do to leave a smaller carbon footprint. The UA leads other universities by having the first recognized LEED recreation center. The UA has received many accolades for sustainability programs with its chilled water loop system, turf roofs, bicycle paths and water stations. Champion explained how there is always a need for more and better education on the sustainability issues. There are more than five hundred faculty members who are involved with sustainability across campus. Z. Brooks asked about resources and fees for sustainability. Champion acknowledged that additional resources would always be helpful, but both he and B. Bryson indicated that no fees are currently being planned or considered. Champion spoke at some length about the need for a distributed organization to replace/enhance the existing hierarchical structure surrounding sustainability on campus. This led to a general discussion about ways to make PACES more effective.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**Future Meetings**

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