Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
8:30-10:00 a.m. Old Main Silver & Sage Room


Guests: M. Fleming, T. Miller

Call to Order
Co-Chair R. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2015
The minutes of February 18, 2015 were approved.

Updates
Co-Chair Galilee-Belfer updated the Committee about the SPBAC Never Settle update presentation at the March 2, 2015 Faculty Senate meeting. The structured discussion section of the meeting included a Prezi presentation by SPBAC member B. Bryson and then a structured question and table discussion period lead by SPBAC Co-Chairs Richardson and Galilee-Belfer. Feedback from Faculty Senate members was positive insofar as potential for faculty to integrate their work into the framework provided by the strategic plan.

Review and Recommendations on Diversity, Sustainability and Globalization
Prior to the March 4 SPBAC meeting members were sent previous meeting PowerPoints and discussion materials from Ben Champion, Chair of the Presidents Advisory Council on Environmental Sustainability (PACES), Mike Proctor, Vice President for Global Initiatives, and Francisco Moreno, Chair of the UA’s new Diversity Coordinating Council (DCC).

A structured discussion followed that focused on SPBAC’s advisory role: Are there specific recommendations that SPBAC could make to the administration in each of these three areas, or recommendations that were cross-cutting across all three areas?

Some of the cross-cutting ideas included establishing values or guiding principles in each area; integrating efforts in each area across/between administrative, academic, and operational domains; the value of discussions leading to the right balance between centralized versus distributed models for progress/leadership in each area, with attendant attention to where accountability/responsibility for progress resides in that balance; and identifying the cost of
actions in each area, and making progress on the low-cost actions so that progress can be made even in times of financial constraint.

There was also discussion specific to each area. In the diversity area discussion included the scope of diversity, including measures of success that go beyond numbers, and the appropriate role/responsibility/resources/accountability for a Chief Diversity Officer. S. Helm would like there to be a source of how-to’s for faculty who have practical issues of how to attract a diverse student population into their own courses.

In the sustainability discussion, the point was emphasized that while sustainability must include environmental sustainability, the sustainability umbrella must be much broader, to include, as one example among several, the economic sustainability of higher education, in general, and the UA in particular, in an environment of ongoing reduced state support. GPSC representative Z. Brooks raised the question about possible future student fees to support the sustainability initiative. J. Florian explained that currently a portion of each students’ tuition goes to the sustainability programs. Z. Brooks responded to a question about GPSC’s position on fees by emphasizing that a clear, transparent process for any/all student fees was a prerequisite for GPSC support for any student fees.

In the global initiatives area, several members pointed out that this area had perhaps the greatest potential for progress, in part because of the ground work and history in place, but also in part because this area could include some of the goals of both the diversity and sustainability areas.

SPBAC co-chairs agreed to synthesize the input from members into documents that contain specific recommendations for possible SPBAC approval.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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