Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom


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 August 19, 2015
The minutes of August 19, 2015 were approved with three abstentions.

Updates
Provost Comrie commended Vice Chair of the Faculty Michael Brewer and the Non-Tenure Track (NTT) Task Force for their work that helped facilitate needed raises for non-tenure track members of the English department in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The new salaries and workloads better recognize the extensive uncompensated labor that writing program instructors undertake. SBS Dean JP Jones provided additional background information.

T. Thompson updated the committee concerning the issues surrounding the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation of the College of Medicine-Phoenix (COM/Phoenix). She explained that of the 120 measured criteria, the COM/Phoenix was commended on 116 areas, with only four areas identified as needing attention. All four areas are being addressed; none involved the quality of the medical school. The University takes LCME accreditation very seriously and has engaged PriceWaterhouseCoopers, a national consulting firm with great expertise in assisting medical schools with the LCME, to provide assistance with the Progress Report.

GPSC representative J. Sun encouraged greater communication with the students in Phoenix to help reduce student concerns.

M.L. Brown shared concerns from the Graduate College about UA investments in the college and graduate education. She encouraged a review of ways in which RCM incentivizes (or could incentivize) investments in graduate education.
Discussion followed about the classification and number of post-docs. The Graduate College is working toward a Faculty Director of post-docs. Brown noted there is a need for more professional development opportunities for post-docs. She also said this issue is not unique to UA. Members discussed that there are opportunities already on campus that post-docs can be directed to, but this will require coordination and attention.

K. Urquidez updated members about enrollment for this year. The official numbers will be available on the 21st day, September 14, 2015 (census date). Members inquired whether the growth seen by all three Arizona public universities is sustainable, and what part online education and international students are expected to play in that growth.

Members also discussed the implications of the fact that a significant percentage of high school students do not finish high school, and that there is a problematic number of high schools (mostly rural) in Arizona from which no graduates go on to higher education. Discussion emerged regarding what is happening around campus to bolster a more solid pipeline. Suggestions were made for implementing 100% Engagement opportunities for UA students to go out to underserved schools in Arizona. Members also discussed the value of a system of record or institution-wide accounting of the many engagements units and colleges already have with high schools in Arizona.

Members asked about space utilization issues, particularly around institutional capacity, and were told that the Campus Master Plan will include a capacity study. The Master Plan is renewed at approximately 5 year intervals, and the current iteration is based specifically upon the strategic priorities identified in Never Settle.

**Budget PowerPoint-Provost Comrie and CFO Gregg Goldman**
Provost Comrie and CFO Gregg Goldman presented a PowerPoint previously shared with the Deans and Senior Vice Presidents, focused on overall, high level budgeting at the UA. This presentation is an abridged version of what was shown to the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) last spring. Goldman will send out an updated version to the committee with current numbers once they have been updated.

**Review of High Priority Topics for SPBAC**
Members were given the opportunity to review the data that was collected at the August meeting concerning the numerous topics that SPBAC could focus on for the year. The graduate education conversation that emerged during the meeting was added to the list, as was a potential focus on compensation policies and practices. Co-Chair Richardson indicated that time at a future SPBAC meeting would be devoted to finalizing the document and better identifying measures of success, but encouraged members to email the Co-Chairs if they had additional thoughts on the topic.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

**Future Meetings**
- September 16, 2015 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
- October 7, 2015 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
- October 21, 2015 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
- November 4, 2015 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom