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Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee
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Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Galilee-Belfer (Co-Chair), R. Richardson (Co-Chair), D. Armstrong,
M.L. Brown, V. Del Casino, P. Dourlein, J. Duran, K. Espy,
M. Finnegan, S. Helm, A. McClure, A. Miller (for Roczniaik), M. Miller,
M. Proctor, C. Rocha,

Absent: M. Burke, B. Carter, A. Comrie, J. Fares, J. Florian, G. Goldman,
M. Jonen, J. P. Jones, L. Nadel (Sabbatical), J.P. Roczniaik, C. Stoffle,
M. Taylor, K. Urquidez, K. Whisman

Guest: J. Panferov

Call to Order
Co-Chair R. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of January 18, 2017
The minutes of January 18, 2017 were approved as amended with one abstention.

Updates
Chair Richardson updated the Committee on those of Governor Ducey’s proposed budget
and legislative bills that would have an impact on Arizona state universities. Ducey’s
budget addresses K-12 funding more than higher education funding. Members were
reminded that Arizona is one of very few states that charge universities sales tax. As
Goldman explained last month, there is a proposal for universities to continue to pay the
sales tax, but to then have those monies “recaptured” and returned to each University to
be used for deferred maintenance. The challenge will be to explain to the cities and
counties how this also benefits them.

P. Dourlein shared with the committee the progress of the Master Plan. Master Plan
Steering Committee membership should be finalized by the end of the month. After
setting their initial goals, the Committee will meet with focus groups both on and off
campus. Among the projects to be addressed are UA gateways, open spaces, and density
issues. Bob Smith, Vice President for University Planning, Design and Operations, will
be leading this Plan. SPBAC will also be involved as the planning goes forward.
M. Finnegan shared that ASUA elections are beginning. He has been in tuition and fee setting meetings with J. Udeozor, President of GPSC and Gail Burd, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Discussion followed around Program Fees and Course Fees, and the fact that tuition guarantees are not as effective if there are additional and unexpected student fees. Both student association presidents reported that students are concerned with ever-increasing fees, especially those associate with required classes. Senate Bill 1061, which students were in favor of and which would have put a 2% cap on tuition increases per year, has been tabled for now.

Discussion ensued about RCM and cost of instruction, particularly that RCM weights were set based on national instructional cost studies and data. Questions emerged around course fees in light of the fact that there are subventions in place already to account for higher costs of instruction.

Richardson asked that SPBAC be updated as the conversation around student course and program fees continues.

K. Espy said that her office has a new half-time employee, Jenny Hoit, a professor in Speech and Hearing Sciences, whose position involves focusing on support and resources for post-doctoral students.

M.L. Brown provided the latest census numbers for the Graduate College:

- Graduate student enrollment is up 2% over Fall 2015, to nearly 8000.
- The distribution of enrollment by degree type remains consistent with 2015: 41% doctorate, 51% master’s, 2% certificate, 5% non-degree seeking.
- Fall 2016 graduate admission applications were up 4% overall compared to Fall 2015. (Up 11% domestic, down 5% international).
- Underrepresented minority student (URM) headcounts are up overall compared to fall 2015. (Up 4% American Indian/Alaska Native, up 14% African American, up 4% Hispanic/Latino, and flat for Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander students).
- Fall 2016’s enrollment of 21% URM secures UA’s position as the most diverse graduate student population among public institution members of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU).
- UA’s graduate student veteran population is up 10% over Fall 2015.
- International student enrollment is up slightly (1%) over Fall 2015.

In Fall 2016, average stipend rates increased 5% for Graduate Teaching Assistants and 4% for Graduate Research Assistants, drawing UA much closer to our ABOR peers.
Galilee-Belfer asked for an update on the issues that have emerged with President Trump’s executive order on immigration.

Proctor said that international student enrollments and applications are down, which he thinks may be in response to President Trump’s election. Proctor also expressed concerns with the impact of Trump’s stance on the UA’s relations with Mexico.

M. Proctor introduced Suzanne Panferov, Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives, as the newest member is the Office of Global Initiatives (OGI). Panferov said that OGI is preparing a website to address concerns around immigration and international travel. Panferov will be point on the OGI’s Campus Global Plan Discussion ensued about alternate ways to reach international students, including the creation of small campuses around the globe, and more opportunities through UA online, perhaps as pathway courses to UA attendance in Tucson. Del Casino said that online classes brought in $12M to the UA last Fall.

**Review of suggested updated diversity and inclusion language in Never Settle**

Members discussed language amendments for the *Never Settle* website to elevate the importance of diversity and inclusion as institutional values and action items. The document will be updated with member’s suggestions and sent to the Provost and the Interim Special Advisor to the President for Marketing and Communications.

**Discussion: Value Propositions & Education-Sabrina Helm**

Because the Provost, CFO, and others were attending the ABOR meeting, the Values Proposition discussion is postponed until April.

**Discussion: UA Inclusive Excellence Statement**

Members discussed the draft document presented by J. Treviño. Members suggested some changes in wording but felt the document was coming together very effectively. Treviño will add SPBAC as a group that endorses the statement and will continue to present the document to other groups for input.

**New Business**

Udeozor asked about the search process for the Athletic Director hire. Clarification was made that this type of search, unlike those for academic positions (Deans, Presidents), does not typically involve students or faculty. A new Athletic Director is expected to be named by mid-March.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

**Future Meetings**

February 15, 2017 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
March 1, 2017 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
March 15, 2017 CANCELLED-SPRING BREAK