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Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom


Absent: V. Del Casino, G. Goldman, J. P. Jones, A. McClure, L. Nadel (Sabbatical), C. Rocha

Guests: C. Sigurdson, B. Walker

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

Approval of the Minutes of March 1, 2017
The minutes of March 1, 2017 were approved.

Updates
Provost Comrie updated the Committee concerning the following:

- Meetings with students about tuition and fees are completed and ABOR will be making final decisions about tuition and fees increases at its April meeting on the UA campus.
- The Arizona Board of Regents has announced the name of the final candidate for the next UA President: Dr. Robert C. Robbins from Texas Medical Center. The Regents will announce the finalist compensation package at the Friday, April 7th ABOR meeting. Dr. Robbins is scheduled to be on campus starting June 1st.
- Meetings with approximately two-thirds of the colleges’ financial offices have now been completed. The focus of these meetings was to consider 4-year plans and budgets.
- P & T dossiers are being reviewed at the Provost level now. In response to a member question, the Provost indicated that he was also responsible for decisions on promotions for most nontenure track candidates (depending on title).
- The Celebrating Academic Excellence Ceremony will be Wednesday, April 12th.
• The annual UA Employees Service Award Luncheon, recognizing people who have been at the UA 10, 15, 20, etc years, will be April 20th. SPBAC members who knowing anyone being recognized are encourage to attend.

• Preliminary details of the proposed re-envisioning for the Honors College complex of four buildings was discussed with input from Peter Dourlein, Assistant Vice President for Planning/Design and Construction. Dourlein shared information on the process through which the UA engages the local community when decisions that may impact UA neighbors are made. Specific to the complex, the UA is partnering with a Texas firm called American Campus Communities, which already owns part of the property being considered, which is close to the campus but outside of the UA planning area. The goal is to house 1000 honors students and have classrooms, recreation facilities, office space and parking on-site.

Other Updates:
Members asked K. Urquidez for an update on the Fall 2017 incoming class. She said that numbers had been steady but very recently started to run behind projections and last year’s numbers, especially for international students from China. She also shared that, although international applications are generally down across most institutions, those international students who are currently in the US are transferring to the UA in higher numbers than projected. Urquidez noted it was too early to make any predictive statements about Fall 2017 enrollment, but did note that she and her team are working very diligently to ensure that those who expressed interest in the UA know they are very welcome here.

S. Panferov told the members about a UA delegation that will soon be traveling to Saudi Arabia for an international recruitment event.

M.L. Brown updated members about the decreasing number of applications and admissions of international graduate students. Members offered possible reasons for the decrease.

Co-chair Richardson reminded members that President Hart will attend the April 19th meeting and that we are scheduled to have discussions concerning Value Propositions at the final meeting on May 3rd.

Discussion-Emerging Budget Priorities FY 18
A draft budget priorities handout developed by the Co-Chairs based on preliminary discussions at the last SPBAC meeting was distributed. A lively discussion ensued about the value of such a document versus other approaches to providing advice to the Administration, a core part of SPBAC’s charge. The Co-Chairs have taken the document under review and will bring a revised document back to SPBAC for further discussion, with the ultimate goal of being able to fulfil our charge to provide advice.

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