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


Guests: President Robbins, Barry Brummund, Chris Sigurdson, Bill Walker

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

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

Updates
President Robbins updated the Committee on several items:

- Provost – The President congratulated Andrew Comrie who was elected as Chair of the CAA Executive Committee for Associated of Public Land Grant Universities (APLU). The CAA is the Council on Academic Affairs, which is the national Provost’s group within APLU.
- Strategic planning – Negotiations are ongoing to hire an external consulting firm to help facilitate the UA strategic planning process.
- ABOR – ABOR meeting will take place on campus from November 16 -17, 2017. ABOR is set to approve proposed academic programs and renovation facilities project.
- Dean search – The Senior Vice President for Health Affairs search is under way.
- The search process for a Senior Vice President for Marketing & Communication is also moving forward.

Provost Comrie updated the Committee on the following items:

- Dean search – The Provost is in the final stages for a Dean of Education. The search for a Dean of Fine Arts is in the beginning stages.
- RCM – The first meeting of the third-year review of RCM officially kicks off today.
• Senior Vice President Goldman updated the Committee on state legislative review by the Joint Committee on Capital Review (JCCR) of a proposed athletics development project that includes the stadium, Hillenbrand aquatics facility, the Hillenbrand softball facility, and a new indoor sports center.

Senior Vice President for Research and Director AZ Research Laboratories Espy updated the Committee on a multi-year budgeting plan between her office and the colleges in order to help plan for growth of the research enterprise at the University.

**Discussion: Rankings Conversation Continued**
Marc Miller, Dean of the James E Rogers College of Law; Barry Brummund, Assistant Vice President Strategic Analysis/Projects for the Executive Office of the President, and Jim Florian, Associate Vice President for Institutional Analysis made a presentation that focused on a rankings project to maintain and improve the College of Law’s rankings in the top 50 of the US News Rankings. This rankings project looked at the specific factors that have historically affected the US News Rankings, and emphasized the importance of compiling accurate data. The rankings project also included the development of software that modeled the likely effect on the US News Rankings of changes/investments that would result in differences in the reported data. Dean Miller shared with the Committee that sometimes the results were not intuitive, and indicated that relatively small investments can sometimes have large predicted changes in rankings. He also emphasized that the rankings project is a valuable tool, but that any changes/investments must be consistent with the vision and mission of the college and institution, and not driven exclusively by rankings. The committee was impressed with the effectiveness of the rankings project and the presentation, and supported expansion of the effort to include the larger datasets that go into the US News undergraduate rankings.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

**Future Meetings**
- December 6, 2017
- December 20, 2017 CANCELLED
- January 3, 2018 CANCELLED