Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom


Guests: M. Galilee-Belfer, JP Jones, T. Miller, C. Sigurdson

Call to Order
Co-Chair R. Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of May 17, 2017
The minutes of May 17, 2017 were approved.

Updates
Members introduced themselves.

The committee acknowledged and thanked Mika Galilee-Belfer who served as Co-Chair for SPBAC for three years (fall 2014 – spring 2017).

Provost Comrie updated the Committee regarding key appointments:
- Interim Dean for Education – Bruce Johnson
- Interim Dean for Fine Arts – Tannis Gibson
- Dean for Honors College – Terry Lynn Hunt
- Dean for College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture – Nancy Pollack-Ellwand

Provost Comrie also updated the Committee on the near-future appointment of a high level 3rd Year Review committee for RCM (Responsibility Centered Management) and the agenda will be open for review.
G. Goldman updated the Committee on several items:

- Planning for the new Honors College complex continues and requires JCCR review. The complex will include parking, dining, recreation facilities, and housing. The UA is working closely with neighbors.
- Building 90 (Vet Science and Microbiology) improvements require JCCR review as well.
- ABOR is changing the way meetings are scheduled. The second day of meetings will be changed to ‘Committee Day’.
- A search committee for the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences has been formed and the search will launch shortly.
- President Robbins has met with several firms regarding the UA Strategic Plan. A draft of the UA Strategic Plan is expected to be ready by November 18, 2017.

**Priorities and Action Planning for 2017 – 2018**

Members divided into groups of three to four people to brainstorm priorities for SPBAC to address in the upcoming year. The group shared their questions and thoughts. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. Members developed the following questions?

- How to balance student body growth and maintain academic quality?
- How do we invest in order to realize new revenues?
- How do we evaluate our diversity and inclusion efforts? And embed in the Strategic Plan?
- Are we optimally organized?
- What is our international strategy?
- How can SPBAC encourage bi-directional accountability for the strategic plan?
- How do we create strategies and strategic investments regarding rankings?
- How can SPBAC help guide disinvestments?
- What are our potential sources of new revenue?
- How do we identify a strategic plan that uniquely identifies UA?
- How to use data to improve quality of teaching and retention?
- What is the value proposition for students?
- How do we stand relative to our peers? What other information from other universities can guide us?
- How to change the culture?
- Which units are doing well? Which are not? Which units need support?
- What is our community engagement strategy?
- What principles could inform the University Career Architecture Project?
- What are the opportunities and challenges that emerge when we think of ourselves as the leading university in the southwest?
- What does interdisciplinary 2.0 look like?
- How can our strategic plan address our place in history?
Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Future Meetings
September 20, 2017 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
A Conversation with President Robbins
October 4, 2017 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
Our UA Rankings Strategy
October 18, 2017 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom
November 1, 2017 8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom