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Present: J. Constable, D. Nef, R. Sanchez, P. Newell, A. Levi

Excused: P. Newell, G. DeVoogd, R. Maldonado, J. Schmidke, A. Quinteros

Absent:

Guests:

Called to order 3:32 pm Thomas Administration Room 117

1. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of 29 January is postponed until next week.

2. Agenda

Approval of the agenda of 29 January is postponed until next week.

3. Communications and Announcements

P. Newell cannot attend IETCC tomorrow morning (Thursday Feb. 6), Chair Constable will send out an email to recruit an attendee from the UBC. Additionally, P. Newell noted that at the last IETCC meeting the Committee developed five sub-committees focused on the tablet initiative, one of which was to examine budget matters for which he volunteered.

D. Nef noted that equipment funds of \$500K were being released by the Provost with another \$250K being added by the President for distribution to the Schools and Colleges including the Library. Engineering was excluded from the fund distribution as funds were being derived from a different source.

Chair Constable indicated that G. DeVoogd was on sabbatical. Chair Constable will consult with Ms. Baker and others for the appropriate protocol.

It was indicated by D. Nef that Dean P. Beare and Dean J. Hironaka-Juteau would likely be communicating with the UBC to discuss the new budget model.

4. New Business

None

5. Discussion on developing “incentives” in the budget model.

The discussion of incentives in the budget model initiated with the fact that it was vital that incentives earned by one college did not result in a reduction of funds to the other colleges - funds must come from outside the model. There was discussion on approaching the President and the Provost to determine their perspective on providing these additional funds. It was also presented that the UBC could approach the University Cabinet for identifying new funds.

Beyond identifying the source(s) of potential new funds to drive the incentive program, it was noted that funds supplied in this manner would be relatively unrestricted in use by a college. Therefore, it was also proposed that funds might alternately be secured as “services” (e.g., graduate tuition waivers, upgrades to college scheduled classrooms, support for additional students, etc.), rather than a “blank check”. This approach would reduce the need for a college to support the “services” and therefore release funds for other uses. Additionally, this approach might encourage “buy in” from the administration as funds would be targeted towards specific uses.

Chair Constable will send out a memo to the School/College Deans requesting information about identifying potential “services” that may be of value to each School/College.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

Agenda for next meeting

1. Approval of minutes of 5 February 2014.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business
5. Continued discussion of developing incentives in the budget model.