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February 13, 2013

Members Present: J. Constable, R. Sanchez, J. Parks, R. Maldonado, D. Bukofzer,
D. Nef

Members Absent: P. Newell, J. Taviano

Visitors: J. Schmidke

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:36 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes

MSC to approve the minutes of 6 February 2013 with corrections.

2. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda as distributed with correction to address President Welty's request for a UBC review of the Level A Review Committee recommendations by 1 March 2013.

3. Communications and Announcements

Everyone should have received the electronic materials describing the proposed new Nursing programs in the College of Health and Human Services. These will be discussed next week.

4. New Business

None

5. Discussion of the Level A Review Committee Recommendations

The discussion of the Level A Review Committee recommendations was wide ranging addressing a host of issues from the details of the allocations of the \$1.5M in set aside funds, the assumptions of the Chancellor's Office and the state in the availability and dictates of new monies provided by the Governor, and the fact that not all Level A divisions had the opportunity to present to the Level A Review Committee. The complexity of the issue resulted in the following motion

MSC Chair Constable will draft a motion for the UBC to examine at next week's meeting.

6. Discussion of the budget model

Discussion of the budget model addressed several of the concerns presented by D. Nef last week that originated from the Deans and possible mechanisms by which to address them within the existing model structure.

- There is no direct accounting for the assigned time cost of Department Chairs.

The UBC recommended that the best approach would be to provide the Schools and Colleges with funds of 6 WTU of assigned time multiplied by the number of Departments in the School or College. The UBC recognized that some Department Chairs may receive 3 WTU and others 9 WTU, but considered 6 WTU as a reasonable balance.

- The estimates of FTES do not capture credential students.

The UBC proposed adding a line to the model that would account for credential students in the same manner as the number of graduate students or number of majors within a School or College.

- The proposed percentage-based limits on assigned time within a School or College may not effectively address how the different units operate.

Discussions on the accuracy of current assigned time estimates between different types of duties were recognized when the model was being assembled. However, variations in the accuracy of coding for assigned time duties among the Departments and Colleges limited a more accurate assigned time estimate from being developed. The proposed rules within the model represent a middle ground from which new assigned time criteria may be developed as new and more accurate estimates of assigned time become available.

- There were concerns about the widely differing scales of “Start-up” packages provided to new faculty among the Schools and Colleges.

The great variability among Schools and Colleges in the funding of new faculty start up packages was discussed when the model was being assembled. At that time it was decided that the inability to accurately estimate required start up packages for future hires dictated that this element remain outside the model and be decided by negotiations between the candidate, the Dean and the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm

Agenda for Wednesday 20 February 2013

1. Approval of minutes of 13 February 2013.
2. Approval of agenda for 20 February 2013.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business
5. Discussion of the UBC response to the Level A Review Committee recommendations to President Welty.
6. Initial discussion of the proposed new Nursing programs
7. Continued discussion on the budget model details.