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Present: J. Constable, R. Sanchez, R. Maldonado, J. Schmidke, P. Newell,
A. Levi

Excused: P. Newell, D. Nef, G. DeVoogd

Absent:

Guests: Dr. Charles Boyer, Dean JCAST

Called to order 3:32 pm Library Conference Room 2108

1. Discussion with Dr. Charles Boyer on the Budget Model and JCAST
The UBC and Dr. Boyer had a broad-based conversation on both the budget model and fundamental issues of university funding. Key topics noted by Dr. Boyer included:

Concern was voiced about the fact that many of the budget issues at the University focus on initial allocation of funds, while much less effort examines the details of how funds are actually expended.

It was noted that due to the fact that a large fraction of total University funds allocated by the model are consumed by salaries, the result is that a relatively large number of model lines are used to allocate relatively few dollars.

Concern was voiced on the funding of instructional technicians through indirect means rather than their direct inclusion within the structure of the model.

The basic structure of the model appeared reasonable, but there seemed to be relatively little emphasis on rewarding activities that directly met University strategic priorities including, but not limited to

- Philanthropic activities
- Grant and contracts – when benefits are funded by a grant, the College contribution should be returned to the College. Similarly, the difference between “buyout rate” vs. “backfill rate” should be examined.

- Wise decision-making at the College level should be rewarded by allowing a fraction of the saved funds to remain at the College.

2. Minutes

The minutes of 4 December were discussed, but additional comments were requested from the other UBC members to ensure accuracy of the minutes.

3. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda of 22 January 2014.

4. Communications and Announcements

Dr. R. Sanchez provided a summary of activities at the IETCC meeting of 19 December 2013. The primary topic centered on the President's tablet initiative, but details associated with the details of the tablet funding mechanism and exact tablet specifications were not discussed.

Chair Constable noted a recent announcement from Lisa Weston that President Castro had declined to address faculty concerns associated with salary inversions and related equity issues.

Dr. Maldonado reported that the Provost search was progressing well.

5. New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Agenda for next meeting

1. Approval of minutes of 22 January 2014.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business