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January 29, 2014

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

Excused: P. Newell, G. DeVoogd

Absent:

Guests:

Called to order 3:32 pm Thomas Administration Room 117

1. Minutes

MSC to approve the minutes of 4 December with minor modifications.
MSC to approve the minutes of 22 January with minor modifications.

2. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda of 29 January 2014.

3. Communications and Announcements

Chair Constable noted Chancellor White's State of the University address and encouraged UBC members to view the on-line film.

Chair Constable also noted that the Provost's office had been contacted to request permission to view the summary reports of the activities of various Centers and Institutes on campus.

Dr. Nef noted Chancellor White's recent announcement that \$28M would be made available to CSU campuses to support student success.

Subsequent discussion noted that the six-year graduation rate for the current student cohort was approaching 54%. Additionally, the fraction of students entering the University as transfer students had declined.

Dr. Maldonado reported that the Provost search was continuing to progress well.

4. New Business

None

5. Discussion on developing “incentives” in the budget model that would encourage wise use of state funds in a manner that supports the University’s strategic goals.

During the discussions with the School/ College Deans, a recurring theme is that the model provides little financial encouragement for a Dean to make wise budget decisions within their School/College. Points considered during the discussion included:

- Realistic assessments of degree plans in their School/College with respect to their viability and appropriateness for the current educational needs of their students with respect to the costs associated with supporting the degree plan. Particular consideration was given as to what types of metrics ought to be considered in making an assessment of program viability.
- Philanthropic efforts and Grant/Contract success that support the University strategic plan should be supported or rewarded within the model, but it is critical to ensure that funds received through philanthropic and grant/contract efforts should not result in a reduction of state funds to the School/College.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm

Agenda for next meeting

1. Approval of minutes of 29 January 2014.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business.
5. Continued discussion of developing incentives in the budget model.