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Members Present: J. Constable, P. Newell, A. Parham, D. Nef, R. Sanchez, R. Maldonado; D. Bukofzer, J. Parks

Members Absent:

Visitors: President Welty, Provost Covino, Ms. C. Matson, Mr. C. Moffitt, Dr. L. Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:35 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Discussion of Level A allocation with President Welty

The discussion initiated with Dr. Welty providing a brief history of consultation between the administration and the UBC regarding the Level A allocation. In the late 1990s a committee was convened to assess Level A allocation patterns consisting of the four vice presidents, the Director of Athletics, two Deans and two UBC members or faculty selected by the UBC. In 2007 at the suggestion of the above committee, this review process recommended (i) the Level A review should occur every second year; and (ii) that funds allocated to deferred maintenance, graduate enrollment augmentation, and technology (\$500,000 each) were to be suspended. By 2009, the Level A review process had been completely suspended and has remained so until this meeting.

President Welty requested the UBC to examine the structure of two possible Level A review committees and to recommend one. The first is a re-constitution of the original Level A review committee as described above and the second is the University Resources, Planning, and Advisory Committee (URPAC).

Subsequently, Ms. C. Matson discussed the historical allocation of \$500,000 to each of the following (a) deferred maintenance, (b) graduate enrollment augmentation, and (c) technology. For the 2012-2013 academic year, it is proposed by President Welty to allocate funds to each of these area as follows:

Deferred Maintenance: A \$500,000 allocation is far below the accumulated \$140 M in deferred maintenance for University infrastructure. Funds are targeted towards (i) regulatory and safety needs & inclement weather problems (e.g., flooding); (ii) ADA requirements; and (iii) improvement of centrally scheduled classrooms.

Graduate Enrollment Augmentation: \$250,000 is to be allocated towards primarily graduate student stipends with the remainder towards graduate student recruitment.

Technology: An allocation of \$350,000 to be focused on meeting the University strategic plan, faculty laptop program, TILT, and meeting the needs for information security.

President Welty requested the UBC to examine the allocation between these three areas and recommend changes if needed.

Ms. Matson also passed out a historical review of the patterns of the Level A allocation between 2001-2002 and 2012-2013. In addition to the changes in the State allocation to the University from the Central Fund, it was stressed that funds spent per FTES as State University Grant (SUG) dollars has more than doubled since 2007, while the funds spent per FTES not counting the SUG has decreased since 2007. The net effect is that dollars spent per FTES have increased since 2007, but a large fraction of the increase is allocated to SUGs rather than instructional costs. As part of the Centrally Monitored Resources, SUGS accounted for 21% (= \$15.5 M) of expenses in 2006-2007 and 39% (= \$40.7 M) in 2012-2013.

The meeting concluded with some questions about Ms. Matson's presentation of the history of the Level A allocation and clarification of the charges presented to the UBC by President Welty.

Following the departure of the Guests attendees, the UBC discussed the merits of the two possible Level A review committees. Concern was noted regarding that both committees exhibit a bias in representation towards administration over faculty and it was proposed that an additional faculty member be included on the committee, specifically the Chair of the Academic Senate. Further discussion resulted in the following motion:

MSC: The UBC recommends to President Welty the re-assembly of the Level A Review Committee as originally structured with the addition of the Chair of the Academic Senate.

Discussion also revolved around suitable members of the UBC, or other appropriate faculty, to serve on the Level A Review Committee. Two members of the UBC expressed explicit interest in serving and the following motion was made:

MSC: The UBC recommends that Dr. J. Parks and Dr. R. Maldonado serve as the representatives of the University Budget Committee and the faculty on the Level A Review Committee.

2. Minutes. MSC to approve the minutes of 29 August 2012.
3. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.
4. Communications and Announcements
None
5. New Business
None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 12 September 2012

1. Approval of minutes of 5 September 2012
2. Approval of agenda for 12 September 2012
3. Communications and Announcements
4. New Business
5. Update on the budget model
6. Update on non-reimbursed assigned time