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Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee
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Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
8:15-9:50 a.m. Old Main Boardroom

Present: M. Galilee-Belfer (Co-Chair), R. Richardson (Co-Chair), M. Brewer (for Nadel), M.L. Brown, B. Carter, A. Comrie, V. Del Casino, P. Dourlein, J. Duran, M. Finnegan, J. Florian, G. Goldman, J.P. Jones, M. Marzinsky (for A. McClure), S. Panferov (for M. Proctor), C. Rocha, C. Stoffle, M. Taylor, J. Udeozor, S. Umashankar, K. Urquidez, K. Whisman

Absent: D. Armstrong, M. Burke, K. Espy, J. Fares, S. Helm, M. Jonen, A. McClure, M. Miller, L. Nadel (Sabbatical), M. Proctor, JP Rocznia, J. Treviño, A. Vaillancourt, X. Zeng

Guest: C. Sigurdson

Call to Order

Co-Chair M. Galilee-Belfer called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of February 15, 2017

The minutes of February 15, 2017 were approved.

Updates

Provost Comrie updated the Committee concerning the following:

- Meetings with students about tuition and fees are ongoing in advance of ABOR setting tuition and fees at its April meeting.
- Mike Proctor, Vice President for Global Initiatives, is retiring after many years of distinguished service. Suzanne Panferov, newly appointed Associate Vice President for Global Initiatives, has been named to be his interim replacement.
- Searches are ongoing for Deans of the College of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Architecture; the Honors College; and the College of Education.
- A new Athletic Director, Dave Heeke, has been hired. A news conference is scheduled for 11:00 am Thursday, March 2, 2017.
- The Arizona Board of Regents has released the names of two final candidates for the next UA President: Sethuraman “Panch” Panchanathan from ASU and Robert C. Robbins from Texas Medical Center. The Regents will announce the finalist on Monday, March 6th and this finalist will visit the campus on Wednesday, March 8th.

- The Diversity Task Force met with Provost Comrie to work on action items and prioritize their findings for a final report due soon.
- Of the legislative bills that had been presented with specific impact on the UA, only two are still under consideration. One deals with a special tuition waiver for specialty groups across the state and the second concerns sales tax recapturing. C. Sigurdson said there is a very active advocacy group involved in the sales tax recapturing initiative, and that more information is on the Advocats website.

Additional update:

- V. Del Casino said that the Associate Vice President for Student Success and Retention Innovation position has been posted. He expects interviews to begin the end of April.

Discussion-Emerging Budget Priorities FY 18

Members divided into small discussion groups to review last year’s priorities, and whether there were additional areas of concern that should be added. They were also asked to identify their top priority for the coming year

Members discussed that, as last year, priorities should be connected to both values and tangible outcomes. Members discussed the importance of setting multi-year priorities, as was done for FY 17. Members indicated a desire to engage in conversations of investment and growth now, as opposed to during a fiscal crisis as occurred during the last institutional “transformation.” G. Goldman reminded members that the new UA President will want to begin implementing his vision as quickly as possible, and that FY 18 budgeting priorities cannot be finalized until the new UA President has been able to share his vision.

Discussion followed concerning the differences in available monies when comparing new-student growth to current-student retention. The idea of investing in advisors, whose focus in on first-year students only, was suggested, as were recommendations around IT security, marketing and communications, and diversity and inclusion

The committee co-chairs will compile an updated document to be sent to Committee members for input before the next meeting on April 5th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Future Meetings

March 15, 2017

April 5, 2017

April 19, 2017

May 3, 2017

CANCELLED-SPRING BREAK

8:15 am – 9:50 am Old Main Boardroom

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