

Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee

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Minutes

Wednesday, August 4, 2021
8:15-9:50am *via Zoom*

Present: B. Brummund (**Co-Chair**), S. Helm (**Co-Chair**), M. Abecassis, B. Berrellez, C. Bourget, E. Cantwell, E. Cheu, S. Colina, J. Duran, L. Folks, D. Hahn, G. Heileman, L. Hudson, J. Hunter, I. Moore, S. Moore, G. Perry, C. Ramirez, L. Rankin, H. Rodrigues, L. Rulney, S. Sen, R. Stephan, J. Summers, M. Taylor, S. Troutman, K. Van Renterghem, B. White

Absent: L. Benson, J. Florian, J. Jones, A. Miller, J.P. Roczniak, N. Vega

Guests/Observers: K. Bonine, J. Dudas, C. Henderson, H. Jensen, J. O'Neil, S. Pawar, A. Romero,

Presenters: Barry Brummund and Sabrina Helm, SPBAC Co-Chairs
Steve Voeller, Vice President, Government and Community Relations;
Sabrina Vazquez, Assistant Vice President, City of Phoenix and State Relations

Call to Order

Co-Chair Helm called the meeting to order at 8:16am

Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2021

The minutes of May 5, 2021 were approved with two abstentions.

Presentation and Discussion: Review of SPBAC Structure/Membership & FY22 SPBAC Planning/Scheduling

Barry Brummund and Sabrina Helm, SPBAC Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Brummund welcomed new members to the committee and provided information on SPBAC operational logistics. Brummund discussed the hybrid format for meetings and focused on the importance of engagement between in-person and remote attendees. He also gave an overview of the SPBAC charter and highlighted committee agenda priorities for upcoming meetings.

Presentation and Discussion: Legislative Overview and Priorities

Steve Voeller, Vice President, Government and Community Relations; Sabrina Vazquez, Assistant Vice President, City of Phoenix and State Relations

Voeller presented information regarding the process of creating the budget request for FY22. He provided a recap of last year's budget process and stated the request would go to the governor's office on September 1, 2021. He added the Arizona Legislature is more interested in funding specific projects which address state issues and expand the University's impact. Voeller added there was \$140M in total funding through the New Economy Initiative (NEI) and the University received roughly \$46m. Funding priorities included health, space and defense, mining, and ancillary projects.

Vazquez provided details about New Economy Initiative (NEI) funding. She stated \$19.2M was allotted as ongoing funds, \$13.2M as one-time funds, \$4M in funds for the School of Mining, and \$5.9M in ongoing funds for the Health Insurance Trust Fund. She also detailed the process for generating the funding request and highlighted the collaboration between the three Arizona Universities. She elaborated on the timeline for the request process and said the governor will release his proposal for funding in January.

Committee members discussed the need for funding for infrastructure projects and the role of SPBAC in generating the funding request.

Presentation and Discussion: Update on AIB

Liesl Folks, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost: Lisa Rulney, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer); Garth Perry, Vice President/Chief Budget Officer

Perry presented an overview of the AIB project, timeline, development, processes, and guiding principles. He stated that project principles had not changed since February and explained details of the working group that was formed. Perry informed the committee that design requests were used to generate the conceptual model and mock-up of AIB. He added the AIB prototype modified the conceptual model to include real data and a prototype with fall semester data would be finished soon.

Perry stated a stakeholder advisory group was created that included faculty, staff, and associate deans. The group met weekly over the summer with training sessions and provided recommendations on changes/areas of concern.

Perry shared information on the AIB guiding principles and design methodology. He detailed AIB design requests. Items incorporated into the model included:

- Undergraduate NTR pooling
- Undergraduate metrics (SCH, Degrees Awarded)
- Graduate students viewed on a student-by-student basis
- SCH by course owner (no exceptions list)
- All delivery platforms represented in AIB, each responsible for its own institutional aid
- Undergraduate metrics will be a fixed amount per metric; Graduate metrics will be connected with percent of revenue share
- Honors College and Graduate College will be academic units
- Non-academic units will not earn credit for SCH, degrees, or majors

Items yet to be incorporated included:

- F&A
- Revenue sharing on local sources
- Functional (expenditure type) budgeting

Non-COVID-19 Senior Leadership Updates and Updates on Re-entry

Lisa Rulney, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Business Affairs

Rulney updated the committee on activities occurring on campus. She stated the Applied Research building was expected to be completed in 2023, the Grand Challenges research building would be occupied in spring 2024, the Old Chemistry renovation would be completed in spring 2023, and Bear Down would be finished at the end of 2021. The financial services team was working in audit mode for fiscal year close and taking on a project with UITS for a

modernizing update to financial systems. Rulney stated there were two open searches for positions in Business Affairs.

Elizabeth Cantwell, Senior Vice President, Research and Innovation

Cantwell updated the committee on possible future presentation topics. She informed the committee about changes to TRIF management. She stated this was no longer on a 5-year cycle and was seeing procedural changes. Cantwell provided information about a new challenge from ABOR to develop a strategic plan to increase research revenues to \$1B from the current \$760M. Cantwell added she would like to bring the strategic plan Health Sciences to the committee. She stated there was an ongoing conversation regarding research cores and equipment-based infrastructure.

Shilpita Sen, GPSC President

Sen informed the committee that GPSC would hold an in-person and virtual orientation on August 17, 2021. This event will include faculty and recent graduate discussions about how to succeed in graduate/professional school. Upcoming informational sessions will cover resources available to students pursuing degrees. She added 800 students were expected to participate in orientation. Sen stated grants were reopening in mid-August.

Jessica Summers, Chair of the Faculty

Summers informed the committee Faculty Senate would resume on September 13, 2021 and an orientation for new and existing senators would take place August 20, 2021. She introduced Dr. Mark Stegeman as parliamentarian.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.