MEMORANDUM

To: Candace Barrington
    President, University Senate

From: Jack Miller
    President

Re: Charter of the University Planning and Budget Committee

Date: November 10, 2010

There appear to be four specific recommended changes in the Charter of the University Planning and Budget Committee coming from the Faculty Senate pursuant to Motion No. FS10.11.008B. I will respond to each of these four changes individually.

The first change is adding a stipulation stating that the Committee will “maintain a representative on the University Facilities Planning Committee.” The University Facilities Planning Committee is not a committee of the Faculty Senate, unlike the University Planning and Budget Committee, which is. I do not think that the University Planning and Budget Committee, nor the Senate, should define membership on other University committees. That being said, I think it is a good idea to have a representative on the University Facilities Planning Committee to coordinate with the UPBC. Since, during recent years, first one and then a second, member of the Faculty Senate have been added to the University Facilities Planning Committee, I suggest that the Senate take the action of making certain that one of those two positions is filled with a member of the Senate’s University Planning and Budget Committee.

Second, the appointment of the part-time undergraduate student member has been changed. In the new version it calls for a recommendation from the Student Government Association, whereas in the current charter it calls for a recommendation from the Director of Continuing Education. I concur with this recommendation.

Third, it is noted in the new charter that “The Executive Officer for Planning and Analysis and the Chief…” should participate. I think that this should be modified to the newer title of “Director of Institutional Research and Assessment…”
Fourth, and finally, it suggests that all members of the Committee have voting rights. I think this is a reasonable suggestion and should be accommodated and incorporated.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this Motion. Prior to approving or disapproving, please provide me with reactions to these suggestions.

JWM/rcw