

University Planning and Budget Committee
Meeting of September 7, 2011
Blue and White Room, Student Center

In attendance: Chad Valk, Chris Galligan, Haoyu Wang, Guy Crundwell, Thom Delventhal, Otis Mamed, John Tully, Larry Grasso, Lisa Bigelow, Zdzslaw Kremens, Kris Larsen, Laura Tordenti, Carl Lovitt, Kathleen Stenkowicz, Yvonne Kirby

Called to order at 2:02

1. Chad Valk, as last year's chair, in lieu of this year's elections asked committee members to introduce themselves.

Chad asked for a volunteer to act as secretary in lieu of elections. Thom Delventhal responded.

2. Nominations for Chair: Kris Larsen nominates Chad Valk(Larry Grasso second), Chad accepts, committee votes affirmatively.

Nominations for Vice-Chair: Chad Valk nominates Larry Grasso (Kris Larsen second), Larry accepts, Committee votes affirmatively

Nominations for Secretary: Kris Larsen nominates Thom Delventhal (Guy Crundwell second) Thom accepts. Committee votes affirmatively.

3. Chad says that the minutes from the final meeting of last year (5/4/11) are incomplete and can't really be approved. Guy says they can be set aside.

4. a. Carl Lovitt reports that the academic review is in a state of limbo. Together the committee remembers what happened at the final senate meeting last year re: the review: it's no longer in the UPBC purview, when it moves through the Senate channels again it may return to UPBC, but at this time there is nothing to report

- b. Chad reports that the University Major Projects website was updated in late August.

5. Report on Facilities Planning committee (Otis): The Campus Master Plan was reviewed: The new academic building is going in (engineering) and new residence hall as well; an attempt to look ahead 10 years--discussion about east campus, and busway; refining the difference between "more space" and "right space"—e.g. add 53,000 sq. ft. to student center—what's that look like?, bursar and fin.aid leaving Memorial and going to Davidson—what will replace it? The next step is to finalize The Master Plan but it has been determined that the consultants have important errors in their data.

Guy asks why there are two committees—U PLANNING BC *and* Facilities PLANNING committee with emphasis on the lack of inclusion in the latter.

6. Report on Strategic Plan update (Yvonne Kirby): Copies of the booklet are distributed. Our attention is brought to obj 2.8: new language is being considered for “student misconduct.” New software (approved via last year’s budget) does a better job of differentiating, so new metrics will be applied. For obj 5.3 new faculty data is being gathered, but no target has yet been identified. It was discovered that a survey was not given as a result of the turnover in Yvonne’s office.

Guy: President Miller delivered his “report card” of the university over the summer, he suggests we investigate the correlation between funding and success in programs. Substantial discussion ensues:

Lisa: Zero budget

Carl: It’s a very complex suggestion

Guy: My point! We(UPBC) are involved in budget *requests* but we never see how the money is actually spent.

Larry: Braden used to make pie charts.

Guy: Yes. It doesn’t have to be detailed

Larry: The reports are very different (approved/spent). Who has time to reconcile the two?

Chad: This can be incorporated into CFO search.

Larry: Look at a couple low-end items and a couple high-end items or a couple successful and a couple unsuccessful, to see what can be gleaned.

Guy: Pick 5 and try to link them to budget approvals

Chad: Let’s look at an different obj.area each meeting.

Carl: pick 5 that received a bad grade and ask two questions: Why’d they get that grade? How can improvement occur?

Motion (Guy, Thom second): The University Planning and Budget Committee will choose two areas from President Miller’s report card that received good grades and two that received bad. Each of these will be evaluated from the perspective of the enabling action, the assessment tool and the budget.

Motion passed.

7. Goals: Chad: Focus on strategic plan?

Guy: Look at 3.6 in strategic plan. Perhaps we need more money for instrumentation if we are to “maintain bonding.”

Chad: This committee should promote awareness of the possibilities of revenue enhancement. Suggestions?

Guy: By-laws should be revised. Ex-officio members of the committee shouldn’t vote. Let’s get started on 4.1, we can talk about how workload should be distributed w/o talking about contract. We should inform students about how their fees are spent. Total transparency. Let’s have an over-arching conversation about athletics. If we value athletics, let’s state it clearly and openly.

John: We should consider the re-organization of the BOR. The UPBC’s role should be to inquire and then spread information.

8. Updates: Development (Chris Galligan): Prioritizing—consistent with other reports thus far, i.e. still evaluating last year and refining approach to coming year. Homecoming on October 1. Trying to add 20 million to endowment in next few years. Endowment has almost doubled in recent years.

OIRA (Yvonne Kirby): Busy updating and investigating data and objectives. E.g. why were faculty numbers so inflated?

Adjournment: 3:33