March 10, 2011

Committee Members: Dr. J. Patrick O’Brien; Dr. James Hallmark; Gary Barnes; Dr. James Rennier; Dr. Don Albrecht; Dr. Neal Weaver; Dan Garcia; Dr. Gary Byrd; Tim Vela; Andrea Porter; Michael McBroom; James Webb; Dr. Gary Kelley; Dr. Leigh Browning; Dr. Karyn Friske; Jack Schiller; JD Morrison

Resource Non-voting Members: Cliff Vanderpool; Dr. Angela Spaulding

➢ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
  • O’Brien welcomed and thanked committee members for their attendance.

➢ UPDATE FROM AUSTIN
  • O’Brien explained that we are developing a budget for FY12 within the constraints of HB1 and SB1 as they were originally submitted for consideration. Although there have been many discussions and proposals by legislators, no concrete changes have been made thus far. Currently the anticipated cut in appropriations for WT for the next biennium would between $5.8 million (SB1) and $7.7 million (SB1), the loss of Incentive Funds ($750,000) for FY12 and the loss of Texas Grants for all new incoming students ($1.3 million loss for WT students for FY12).

➢ UPDATE OF OPTIONS
  • O’Brien described modifications that were made to the FY 12-12 Budget Projections Spreadsheet (Supplement 1).

➢ UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING TERMINATION OR REDUCTION OF PROGRAMS AND DISCUSSION
  • Barnes provided the committee with a draft of the Criteria for Program Reduction or Termination form (Supplement 3) and explained how criteria would be evaluated on the form.
  • Various examples of program evaluations were discussed.
  • O’Brien stated there should be common definitions created for certain aspects of the criteria.

➢ UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING TERMINATION OF FACULTY POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION
  • Hallmark announced that the subcommittee has not formally met since the Ad Hoc Exigency Planning Committee’s last meeting. Subcommittee members were asked to compare the Criteria for Program Reduction or Termination (Supplement 3) to the list of criteria created in the subcommittee’s first meeting. The criteria were found to be consistent across both subcommittees.

➢ UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF WORKING MISSION STATEMENT
  • O’Brien announced that a bulleted form of a working mission statement and priorities (Supplement 2) will go before the university’s Strategic Planning Steering Committee for consideration.

➢ FUTURE MEETINGS
  • March 28; 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
  • April 14; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  • April 25; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  • May 10; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  • May 23; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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