February 1, 2017

Present: J. Cummins, C. Kimball, A. Levi, R. Maldonado (Chair), M. Richaud, D. Nef, J. Parks, R. Pun

Excused: J. Schmidtke

Called to order 3:35 pm in Henry Madden Library Room 1222

1. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda for 1 Feb 2017.

1. Minutes

MSC to approve the Minutes of 30 Nov 2016 as amended

1. Communications and Announcements
2. R. Maldonado welcomed our new student member, Conrad Kimball.
3. D. Nef reported that the Chancellor’s Office is concerned to assess the effectiveness of the $2,050,000 Student Success money distributed this academic year. They want a report on how we have used it and what its effect is anticipated to be. We have current 2 and 4 year graduation rates. By Feb 24, we will have to estimate the effect of the money on 2018 and 2020 graduation. This will forecast progressively through to 2025. By mid-April, Colleges/Schools will have to establish their targets for 2 and 4 year graduation rates.
4. The Department of Finance will be visiting campus on Feb 26 as part of their evaluating all 23 campuses.
5. M. Richaud asked a question on RSCA. In the past, the Provost’s office has contributed $800,000 out of carryforward. There is no anticipated carryforward. The President has committed funds pending any actual carryforward. If there is such carryforward, it will go toward the $800,000 and the President will make up the difference.
6. D. Nef reported on The Trustees exploring a possible 5% tuition increase. Without additional legislative or tuition funding, meeting compensation increases will be a challenge. D. Nef will bring some of the benefits component costs and projections to a future meeting.
7. On the State’s and CSU’s commitment to tenure density, R. Maldonado and D. Nef reported the President’s expressed commitment, but no extra money seems available. D. Nef also shared data on the high percentage of first year students who were taught by part time faculty. Of 216 First Year Courses (defined by at least ten or more first year students in the class, in 2015-16, 108 were taught 100% by part time faculty—that is, all sections of such classes were only taught by part time faculty.
8. J. Cummins asked if there was follow-up on the sources for and extent of the transition costs for the Athletic Corporation. R. Maldonado will follow up with D. Astone and report back to the committee.
9. D. Nef also reported the discovery of an error in the Level B budget model by the Associate Dean of the College of Science and Math regarding the removal of WTU overages beyond 110%. Somehow an additional $25,000 had been included (10% plus $25,000). D. Nef has corrected the error by removing the $25,000 addition.
10. Request by Senate for two members of UBC to serve on Task Force on Faculty Workload

MSC R. Maldonado and M. Richaud will so serve.

1. C1 courses

R. Maldonado shared the CSU definition of footnote 11, which is used to augment the WTUs for high enrolled classes. It can only be used for 3 WTUs for courses with enrolment over 120. The model allows more units, but footnote 11 cannot be used for those. At 90, 150, 210 students the model assigns a premium. The deans can still use unreimbursed assigned time to increase the total WTUs for a high enrolled class to 9 or 12, but not with footnote 11. The second 3 WTUs (footnote 11) would capture the actual salary of the faculty. The further 3 or 6 WTUs would capture the college average salary.

Meeting adjourned 4:40pm.

Next meeting date: Feb 15, 2017, 3:30pm