UBAC Meeting Minutes Sept. 3, 2015

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Following the program plan presentation by Dr. Jackie Berning and Dr. Andy Subudhi, UBAC voted unanimously to approve this new degree program. It will now go to the Regents for review and discussion. At a subsequent Regents meeting, the Board will vote on approval of the new degree.

Enrollment

Enrollment numbers are not finalized for this semester, but it looks like we will be up 1.8% this fall. However, we did not meet the fall enrollment target percentage. We have seen a dip in transfer students, but this decrease was expected. The retention from freshman year to sophomore year will come in around 67.7%.

Retrospective Funding

The university will change how it does budget planning in the future. We will move from a Prospective funding model to a Retrospective funding model. This means that funding in the future will be based on enrollment and program growth from the previous year. For example, FY17 funding will be based on FY16 enrollment and budget dollars. There will be one time money that may be used to fund new initiatives for one year when appropriate. This new budget model will allow the university to do more accurate and realistic budgeting. Instead of “guessing” what we think the university growth might be the next year, and the amount of budget dollars available, we will be budgeting funds that we have in place.

Misc.

There was a brief discussion about Weekend University and Winterim. Both programs are being evaluated and there may be changes made to these programs. It is early in the evaluation process, so there are no details at this time on how these programs might change.

Faculty Advisory Committee on the Budget

The Faculty Advisory Committee on the Budget met with Susan Szpyrka, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance after the UBAC meeting. Vice Chancellor Szpyrka gave an overview of the budgeting process, especially how it relates to going from a Prospective budgeting process to a Retrospective process, and answered committee members’ questions. She also covered the budgeting sheets developed when new programs are proposed along with how this information will be used and tracked during the first few years of a new program.

Respectfully submitted

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