



UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

Strategic Planning & Budget Committee (SPBAC)

Meeting Notes - April 11, 2019

Attendees: Michael Ciri, Karen Carey, Rick Caulfield, Keni Campbell (notes), Heather Batchelder, Maren Haavig, Marnie Kaler, Julie Vigil, Kristen Handley, Nick Bursell, Robin Gilcrist, Jon Lasinski, Ronald Cadiente Brown, Trisha Lee, Mae Delcastillo, Nathan Leigh, Elise Tomlinson, Kate Govaars, Priscilla Schulte, Noelle Gangle, Gail Cheney, David Felts.

Budget

Most people have been pretty well informed and Chancellor has been meeting with various groups. House recommended \$317M, now on to Senate. Hearing was held today in Juneau and there are more hearings tomorrow in the other communities. UA Strong mailing list, newsletter for government relations. President did a presentation which is available online. Three sections. First is a repeat of what has been shared before. Middle was a the update he gave to the regents. 4 scenarios: status quo (no additional cut), more substantial although not at the full number proposed by the governor, and then a part showing various scenarios that might happen. This is not a document outlining decision, rather possibilities and things we may need to consider. Staff compensation, financial exigency, restructure of “community campus” system within the state among the possibilities outlined. There was some legislative intent language which passed last night - one accreditation, one university, and separate community campuses, although a vague notion of what that might mean. Intent language is not binding. University led by BOR in the Constitution.

SPBAC Charge

Evaluation committee will be meeting with the SPBAC during their site visit. Because of the way the charge is written, SPBAC is spoken about a lot in the self study report. Wanted to go over the charge to remind everyone what it is.

- Provide overall advice to UAS leadership about implementation of the UAS Strategic and Assessment Plan (SAP), including our mission, vision, and core themes
- Provide oversight for NWCCU accreditation compliance and report preparation
- Provide recommendations about continuous improvement and refinement of UAS's planning and budgeting processes in light of the SAP
- Advise UAS leadership about budget principles, priorities, and allocation criteria that guide annual resource allocation decisions as well as allocation and utilization of facilities and technology-related resources
- Review and present input to UAS leadership about annual operating and capital budget requests
- Promote transparency and accountability in our planning and budget processes, and assist with communication about those processes and outcomes to the broader university community
- Promote meaningful participation by appropriate university governance groups in the UAS strategic planning and budgeting process.

Elise said that Cindy Boesser had a contest for students regarding memorizing the mission. Karen said that there was someone during the staff meeting on accreditation who said they didn't know the mission or what it was.

The accreditation team is interested in mission fulfillment. They could ask us what are we doing to meet that. What do each of us do to fulfill that mission. That's what the site visit is about. Knowing what it is and what it says will help all of us respond to their questions. Most important "Student learning enhanced by..."

Core themes - student success, teaching and learning, research and creative Activities, and community engagement.

This group has oversight of the accreditation compliance and reporting. Karen is the accreditation liaison officer, so ultimately her responsibility, but informed by the contributions of the SPBAC.

Haven't really done the 4th item on the charge, mostly because of the budget uncertainty with the legislative process. Normally this group would be providing budget recommendations. Elise noted that we did do the exercise where we voted on new positions and things like that, so we have done that to the extent we have been able to this year.

Transparency and accountability - this group is expected to take back to their groups and share the information discussed here. It is not confidential but instead is transparent.

Accreditation Exit Meeting

Friday morning during their visit they will meet with Karen and Rick and will share first impressions of their visit in advance of this SPBAC group. After that meeting this group would be expected to go back to their areas and share that info. Preliminary findings only, but then will go back home and write up a report. We can dispute anything we think needs to be corrected (facts) but that is all. The 11 member panel meets June 19 and that is when they will vote on UAS accreditation. Rick and Karen will be there to answer any questions they might have. At the meeting on 4/26 we are not allowed to ask any questions. Once they leave they are not supposed to engage with us further (except for someone driving them to the airport, etc). Karen has spoken with the chair multiple times and he continues to say that every school gets commendations and every school gets recommendations. No institution is perfect. They have read our report, have asked some follow up questions which we have responded to, and some which we are working on still.

We have been making progress and those are the kinds of things they want to know. It's not that we have issues, it's what are we doing to address them? These are not things we have been ignoring. We have been working hard on these issues. They know about the State's budget issues. Chancellor Caulfield has spoken with the Pres of the NWCCU. While we are all spread really thin, we have found a way to continue to offer the great education we do for our students.

No one is allowed in Egan 211 the entire time they are here. The room between the two will also be locked. Lunch will be held in 210. That is their private space while they are here. For staff,

when they have a forum, if there are people that SPBAC members supervise in the forum chosen, that person should not be in attendance so as not to influence the participation.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Once the final report is received, we can celebrate!