**Strategic Planning & Budget Advisory Committee (SPBAC)**

**December 16, 2014 Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:** Michael Ciri (co-chair), Rick Caulfield (co-chair), John Pugh, Joe Nelson, Jill Dumesnil, Deb Lo, Vickie Williams, Pete Traxler, Elise Tomlinson, Jeff Johnston, Priscilla Schulte, Kevin Krein, Margaret Rea, Julie Vigil, Eric Scott, Keith Gerken, Wendy Miles, Maria Moya, Callie Conerton

**BRIEF REVIEW OF SPBAC PROCESS**

MCiri explained the SPBAC is primarily focused on two areas: 1) the budget process and 2) UAS’s mission and measures. He added that the SPBAC is intended to help promote education and solicit communication within the UAS community on these two areas. He walked the group through a document distributed at the meeting which outlines the timeline and milestones of the SPBAC process. (It depicts the process and cycle for a complete fiscal year.)

**FY16 BUDGET UPDATE/GOVERNOR’S BUDGET & LIKELY CHANGES**

MCiri explained the new governor (Walker) submitted the former governor’s (Parnell) FY16 budget request, with intent to modify it within the next two months. He added the meeting packet included former Governor Parnell’s university budget proposal and explained it includes assumptions the university will increase its revenues to cover 50% of anticipated increased fixed costs. He added that the university will also request a supplemental appropriation to cover the fixed costs of the newly negotiated UAFT faculty collective bargaining agreement. The Chancellor clarified that, in total, the university needs to receive both a 4% increase to tuition and a 4% growth in student credit hours, to maintain its revenue at the status quo (FY15) level. The SPBAC discussed the importance of UAS striving to achieve a 2+% increase in student credit hour production through recruitment and retention activities.

MCiri provided SPBAC a handout titled, *Recent Alaska Crude Oil Prices* which graphically shows a 45% drop in the price of oil since July 1, 2014. He explained the continuing drop in the price of oil will very likely drive budget upcoming discussions by the governor and legislature. (MCiri also noted the meeting packet included an analysis of UAS’ FY14 to FY15 tuition revenue, by campus and course level.)

**UPDATE ON REVIEW OF UAS CORE THEME METRICS**

RCaulfield explained that each Fall semester the SPBAC reviews its mission, core themes, objectives, and indicators. At the last meeting SPBAC reaffirmed the mission, core themes, and objectives. It agreed UAS should winnow down its number of indicators (from 37) to a more manageable number (10-15). This work will continue at the January SPBAC meeting. JNelson stressed the SPBAC should focus on indicators which is with UAS’ influence/control.

**NEED TO IDENTIFY BUDGET EFFICIENCIES**

The Chancellor explained the budget reduction cycle will likely play out over the next 4-5 years. He encouraged SPBAC to continue looking for efficiencies within their units.

**NEXT MEETING:**

* Tuesday, January 27th 2:00-4:00pm to review Governor Walker’s modified FY16 budget request and hear from recruiters on UAS’ recruitment activities.

**SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS:**

* Tuesday, March 24, 2015 2:00-4:00pm: SPBAC will meet to score final FY17 budget proposals.
* Wednesday, May 6, 2015 2:00-4:00pm