Strategic Planning & Budget Committee (SPBAC)

Meeting Notes/Summary of Discussion – December 19, 2019

Attendees: Michael Ciri, Julie Vigil, Jon Lasinski, Mae Delcastillo, Rick Caulfield, Ronalda Cadiente Brown, Maren Haavig, Kristen Handley, Noelle Gangle, Lori Klein, Janelle Cook, Elise Tomlinson, Nathan Leigh, Tom Thornton

VIA Teleconference: Heather Batchelder, Priscilla Schulte, David Felts, Pete Traxler, Sarah Belmont, Steve Atwater

Meeting started at 2:36 pm

1. Review of DRAFT materials for January 6 executive budget meeting


See Notes section at bottom of handout for important information, mainly that this is a working document, not to be finalized until June. Document is generalized, based upon things that people have submitted.

Maren asks for more details about Academic consolidation/Efficiency line.

Michael says it refers to a variety of things, noting that Karen would be the one to ask regarding Academics. Could refer to program reviews, the 6 and 12 % exercise that deans/directors completed, SPBAC survey, etc.

Rick says the handout language is general because no actual decisions have been made. These are general, high level numbers that show we can meet the president’s target. No real decisions will be made until we have more detail about budget closer to June.

Michael clarifies that this document is an internal tool being used to put things together, but is not going to be shared with the President as part of the executive budget meeting.

Suggestion made to add a bullet point noting that these numbers reflect a wash in regards to tuition.

Michael notes this is a working document and encourages input from SPBAC with suggested edits/clarification.
Michael presents handout entitled “UAS: FY21 Allocation and Narrative. This is the preliminary draft of the power point presentation that will be submitted to the President on Jan. 6. It will be presented by Rick and the expectation is that it will be combined with similar presentations from UAA and UAF for the BOR meeting on Jan 16/17. It will probably have some edits made to align with the other Universities’ presentations.

(Follow link to see final draft: http://www.uas.alaska.edu/admin/docs/spbac/2019-12-19/uas_fy21_allocation_and_narrative.pdf)

Rick notes that Governor’s FY21 budget presented last week had dual appropriation, breaking with the compact signed earlier this year. That was corrected within 24 hours, so FY21 will have single accreditation as agreed upon in the compact. Just wanted to make everyone aware of this.

Second page of power point (UAS: FY21 Reduction and Revenue Strategies) is a bullet point version of the internal SPBAC handout discussed earlier.

Nathan notes that we should add a bullet point about working on new enrollments and retention of current students.

Kristen notes enrollment is holding steady.

Rick agrees, yes it is a major focus of President and BOR, so it would fit nicely.

Third page of power point (UAS: FY21 Allocation Plan) is a further version of internal SPBAC handout.

Michael notes that this is what our plan looks like halfway through building it.

Shows 1% reduction from each unit.

Michael notes that this draft will be sent tomorrow, and final drafts will be sent first week of January

2. Discussion of January 16 & 17 BOR meeting

Rick presents. January 16 will be BOR workshop for regents to understand Universities budget and how it works. Also will be an update of the audit of roles and responsibilities of President, Chancellors and BOR. Will thoroughly review and discuss. All public so it will be streamed.

3. Discussion of January 31 UAS “Missions and Measures” meetings

NWCCU will be changing standards soon. It is time to take a fresh look at our goals and metrics. The meeting will involve many SPBAC members in addition to others on campus. Meeting will be to take a look at changing accreditation standards, update our metrics. Also to take a look at
5 BOR metrics as well. Mark your calendars. More information will be sent out when we return back after the holidays.

Michael: We will work on getting Spring SPBAC meetings scheduled, but expects most will be ad hoc, as they have been this past year.

Meeting ended at 3:39pm