The University of Rhode Island
Strategic Budget and Planning Council
June 30, 2010
3:00pm – 5:00pm
Galanti Lounge – Library

Members/Staff in Attendance:

Don DeHayes, Robert Weygand, Abu Bakr, Glen Kerkian, Faye Boudreaux-Bartels, Winnie Brownell, Trish Casey, Steven D'Hondt, Tom Dougan, Cheryl Foster, Ron Jordan, Ken Kermes, Patricia Morokoff, Stephen Swallow, Raymond Wright, Ann Morrissey, Jeff Johnson, Thorr Bjorn, and Peter Alfonso.

Members Absent:

David Coates, Jack Szczepanski, Robert Beagle, and Linda Barrett.

See the complete list of member information at the Strategic Budget and Planning Council website at http://www.uri.edu/budget/sbpc.html

Meeting Minutes:

a) Meeting called to order at 3:12pm by Council Chair DeHayes.
b) The minutes from the previous three meetings will be distributed to the council electronically prior to approval.
c) Discussion on the Model of the Recommendation to the President
   a) At the end of the last meeting each member of the council was asked to prioritize each of the 34 requests into one of three groups: group 1- highest priority, group 2- middle priority, or group 3- lowest priority. Seventeen of twenty voting members participated.
b) Chair DeHayes acknowledged the value in each council member having completed their respective rubric differently which correlates with the President’s charge to the Council to use individual best judgment.
c) The council asked Vice-Chair Weygand if there are any sources of revenue which could be used for Roosevelt Hall rehabilitation besides the general fund.
   i) Vice-Chair Weygand responded by explaining that there are no such sources of revenue available to the University at this time.
d) A question was raised about the unknown return on investment associated with the Student Aid request.
   i) Chair DeHayes explained that if the University is successful in yielding the class by providing aid the ROI is a guarantee. If we do not yield the class, less is spent on aid.
e) A question was raised about the realistic number of recommendations that could be approved by the President. There was doubt that the number could be more than 11.
   i) Chair DeHayes responded that there are unknown variables such as additional streams of revenue; state appropriation will not be higher than it was last year and it could be
lower; revenue from out of state tuition is not going to be higher. A 9% increase for in-state tuition was approved for the last two years; however, the Board of Governors may elect to minimize the in-state increase when they approve the FY12 Budget Request in September 2010.

ii) Chair DeHayes referenced Steve D'Hondt's comment from the 6/25/10 meeting by reiterating that reallocation of funds within a division should be the first choice of any division when it comes to funding a requested item.

f) There was a discussion to have Global Learning and Academic Internships added to the top-third group based on the high ranking this item received in terms of benefits and strategic alignment.

i) A point was raised about whether the results from the first rubric should be factored into the recommendation at all since that was meant to only be a straw poll.

(1) Chair DeHayes voiced his discomfort with this suggestion by explaining that without the rankings based on strategic alignment, perceived benefits, etc. it will be hard to tell people what the council's criteria was for the final recommendation

(a) Many on the council believed that the proper response to that question would be that the final recommendation was based on rigorous discussion about the best interest of the university.

g) Chair DeHayes reiterated that he would be most comfortable if there were a formal criteria the council could point to and say, "this is how we came up with our list of recommendations to the president."

h) Chair DeHayes continued by saying he would like to be able to say confidently to the President, "we used strategic alignment and perceived benefits when we voted on this list." That is consistent with the President’s charge to the council.

i) There was a motion to change the "ranking by preference" title to "ranking by thirds".

j) The council agreed to discuss the top 12 items on the "ranking by preference" sheet. If there is time more items will be discussed.

d) Discussion of the Top 12 Items Based on Ranking by Preference

a) Chair DeHayes said there is not a fixed amount of projected new FY12 dollars

i) Chair DeHayes explained that, yes, the Internship Officer would work with all colleges including University College.

ii) Chair DeHayes continued by explaining the University's goal of creating a model where teams of students work for corporations to solve real problems. The President is a proponent of this model.

b) There was a question raised about the Student Affairs personnel request associated with the Roger Williams Fitness & Wellness Center. If this request is not funded, are we dealing with an empty building in 2012?

i) Tom Dougan explained that if Student Affairs does not receive the money for this the division will begin looking at reallocation options within its budget for necessary funding.

c) Chair DeHayes said a draft will be distributed to all council members.

d) Summer school programs could generate a profit in the future.
e) Chair DeHayes noted that the Tuition Differential Program could make the University very competitive; thus, must be taken into consideration.
f) Tom Dougan explained that there could be a retirement in Student Affairs which could help to reallocate funds for the Career Services position in 2012.

e) Chair DeHayes urged the council to spend some time in the near future on how it can improve this process for next year.

f) Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm

**Required Actions Items:**

**Information Requested:**

1) None

**Next Meeting Date:**

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Minutes by: John Olerio, Graduate Assistant, Budget & Financial Planning 6/30/10