May 8, 2002, 9:15 am, Room 260B

Present: Mary Abrums, Dan Jacoby, Carole Kubota, Kelvin Sung, Linda Watts

Absent: Kevin Laverty

Guests: Bill Kelleher, Barbara Curtis

Budget

Bill Kelleher, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, presented an overview of the 2001-2003 Biennium Operating Budget Adjustments and Revenue Alternatives. He briefed the EC on the state of the budget and the budget alternatives for balancing the budget 2002-03. He went over the permanent revenue funding and sources - General Fund from the State and the budget adjustments. UWB will deal with a 5% budget cut and the adjustments that will be implemented are revenue replacement through tuition increases, disallowed expenditure through salary increases and health care costs, reconsideration of fiscal year 2002-03 allocations and internally bridge funds. These adjustments are revenue used to balance the State cut. Tuition rate increase proposed is 16% for undergraduate tuition; the tuition rate proposed for graduates is broken down into a 3 tier system, ranging from a 9% tuition increase to a 20% tuition increase, depending on the graduate degree being earned.

Strategic Positioning Document

Barbara Curtis, Director of Corporate Strategies at the UW, has been facilitating the development of a UWB Strategic Positioning Document with a small committee appointed by the Chancellor. Dan Jacoby and Sandeep Krishnamurthy represented the faculty on this committee. One of the purposes of the Strategic Positioning Document will be to help define the campus, both in terms of external donors and publicity and internally in terms of values and goals. Although the Strategic Positioning Document is currently in the draft stage, the EC felt that it would be appropriate for the faculty to review it and to provide feedback. Barbara requested that the EC, as well as the GFO and the Cabinet, respond to the document. At the next EC meeting, the EC will discuss the process for disseminating the Strategic Positioning Document to all the faculty.

Master of Science in Computing and Software Systems

Kelvin Sung informed the EC that the CSS had not yet voted to approve the MS in CSS. The EC decided that they could not endorse the degree without departmental approval. Dan Jacoby asked that the EC be presented with the concept and budget proposals for review and reminded the EC that strategic planning and budgeting are part of the EC's role in approving programs. The concept of the program fits the UWB mission, but the EC needs to look at the budget, it cannot officially endorse a plan without reviewing all its dimensions.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant