April 21, 2006, 10:00 am, UW2 327

Present: Steve Collins, Kevin Laverty, Alan Leong, Carol Leppa, Kathleen Martin and Bill Seaburg

Guests: Chancellor Olswang, JoLynn Edwards and Elizabeth Thomas

Approval of minutes from 4/7/06

EC minutes of April 7, 2006 were unanimously approved.

Overview and discussion of proposed UWB budget for 2006-7

Chancellor Olswang presented an overview of the UWB 2006-07 budget. There will be budget deficits this biennial year, which currently will entail holding back on spending and not allocating the full revenue we receive. This could change in the second half of the biennium based on enrollment, FTE and other factors. Kevin distributed the Revenue Forecast and Expenditure Allocation for FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07, the Budget Recommendations of the VCAA and Budget Requests - FY 2006-07 for the EC to review and discuss. The EC will identify priorities for temporary funds and report to the Chancellor on their recommendation for the allocation of funds for fiscal year 2006-07 by the end of May.

Review of proposal for new IAS option in community psychology

JoLynn and Elizabeth brought the proposal for a new IAS option in community psychology to the EC for review. JoLynn gave the EC an historical perspective on this option, explaining that there has been interest in a psychology option at UWB for many years now based on inquiries from prospective students. Elizabeth emphasized the interdisciplinary synergies of this option and the cross-programmatic interfaces that will be developed with this new option. Community psychology will encourage community partnerships in business, public health, sociology, environmental studies, social justice as well as many other potential partnerships. The EC was very impressed with the structure of this new option and its potential for encouraging cross-programmatic teaching and research.

Motion:

The EC will send the 'Proposal for an Option in Community Psychology' forward to the UW Registrar for the tri-campus review. A request will be made to the IAS program for a summary of budget requirements and implications for the new option. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of second draft of ‘Recommendations for Standing Charges to GFO Committees’

The EC reviewed the second draft of ‘Recommendations for Standing Charges to GFO Committees’. A few revisions were suggested. The EC will be constituted from membership of the GFO committees, with a representative of each GFO committee serving on the EC. This will allow the EC to review policies that have been vetted in the committees before coming to the EC. Kathleen and Steve will send a final draft to the EC for approval. Kevin is working on revising the GFO By-laws and will present the rationale and the new By-laws for a faculty vote at the GFO meeting in May.
Faculty salaries-review input to date from programs

EC reps that had received input from their programs discussed the principles outlined in the Chancellor's letter to distribute faculty salaries. Carol Leppa reported that Nursing would like the principles to be an informational item on the agenda for the faculty forum, so that a faculty vote could be taken on the ranking of principles #2 and #3. Additional input from faculty will be sought and will serve as a basis for further discussion at the next EC meeting.

Update on freshmen admissions, round 5

EC discussion on freshman admissions showed a strong consensus to maintain the high quality of academic standards at UWB. Because of concerns about the academic preparation of the most recent batches of applicants, the EC recommended a slight modification to the decision rule that changes the threshold for triggering an automatic wholistic review of application files.

Motion:

Based on its ongoing monitoring of the profile of admitted freshmen, the EC revises the original decision rule to be used by Student Affairs in evaluating freshmen applications. The new rule shall be as follows:

If GPA + SAT/4 >= 6.0, then admit, unless other compelling evidence suggests otherwise.

If GPA + SAT/4 < 6.0 but >= 5.25, and SAT >= 1000, then admit, unless other compelling evidence suggests otherwise.

If GPA + SAT/4 < 5.25, then deny, unless other compelling evidence suggests otherwise (same as the original decision rule.)

If GPA + SAT/4 < 6 but >= 5.25, and SAT < 1000, then Student Affairs will consult with Kevin Laverty and Steve Collins on whether or not the result of the wholistic review warrants an offer of admission.

The EC, furthermore, requests from Student Affairs the following information on applicants:

1. regular printout of students admitted
2. breakout of SAT score by verbal and quantitative components
3. average GPA by high schools or other measure for understanding what an individual's GPA means

Next EC meeting will be May 5, 2006.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Van Sant