Meeting called to order at 2:12 p.m. by Mark Larson.

Mark Larson and Robert Snyder co-chairs

In attendance voting members: Lumei Hui, Michael Thomas, Judith Little, Amy Moore, Colleen Mullery, Paul Mann, Carl Coffey and Laura Weare

Staff to UBC: Carol Terry

Mark Larson asked if there were any changes regarding the budget since last week’s meeting. Bob Snyder stated that there weren’t many but after his recent trip to the Chancellor’s Office, he thinks that the Governor’s Budget may be the best case scenario. He was hoping that some of the legislative proposals for revenue enhancements might be used to help offset some of the expected deficit, however, he reminded the group that 50% of the new state money is mandated for K-12 and the other half is to be distributed according to the State’s priorities. In that higher education is funded in the “discretionary” category of the State budget, it is not likely that there will be any additional resources.

Carol Terry stated that the University Budget office is working on understanding the assumptions from the Governor’s budget and HSU’s funded level of enrollments from the Chancellor’s office so that we can more clearly estimate our budget picture for fiscal year 2008-2009. It was also noted that the Vice Presidents are meeting to discuss University costs and enrollment levels and will vet their recommendations through the UBC and other constituents within the campus community in the next several weeks.

There was some concern about whether the Governor funded the higher education compact and what effect it might have on the various unions contracts with regard to compensation.

The group discussed the President’s University priorities for consideration of budget reductions. While many felt it was hard to delineate the priorities, or if there should be any priorities, it was decided to “cluster” and prioritize agenda item #2 (regarding the President’s criteria to the Vice President’s to use in making decisions about budget reductions). Many felt the priorities were better suited to augmentation than reductions. The Committee was clear that this was their recommendation for the FY0809 only. Out of the eight voting members present, six voted for the changes and two abstained. The changes are as follows:

1. Add a bullet titled “Institutional Support”
2. Recommend that these priorities be effective for the fiscal year 2008-2009 only
3. Cluster student success and academic excellence and educational quality together; cluster fiscal stability and revenue enhancement and institutional support together; final bullet would stand alone and is service to the North coast community
4. Recommend that the sub-bullets be viewed as examples under the bullets.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2008. The agenda will include discussion of the budget process review committee. Bob Snyder suggested that the individual members review the report and via e-mail suggest changes or bring the changes to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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