Minutes of November 7, 2012 and February 1, 2013 were approved as written.

Chair’s Report

None given

Provost’s Report

Provost Phillips provided an update on the NY SUNY 2020 Plan.

Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship Cluster (E-TEC) is the 'signature' plan of UA’s SUNY2020 plan. A new building is planned to house these functions, but concrete details, such as the location of the building, are still being worked out. A council member asked what part of the E-TEC building will be funded by 2020. The Provost said that UA has all of the capital that we will get for it - $88 million – approved. The total cost will be approximately $165 million, and the balance is to be borrowed. The debt cap issue has been addressed. A recent development is that DIFR has been taken out of the formula, which increases headroom for additional borrowing.

14 proposals and 38 tenure track faculty have been approved in Phase 1 of SUNY2020 on our campus. We have also approved the hire of 63 non tenure, part time & staff. Phase 2 of application reviews is nearing completion.

Dr. Phillips reported that we are growing student recruitment and admissions over 5 years, with a final increase of approximately 1000 undergraduates and 350 graduate students.

One of the main goals is to enhance the student experience through programs such as:

- The new Gen Ed program
- Advising Plus
- Community College Connections
- Living Learning Communities
- PACE
- Online Teaching/Learning
Provost Phillips spoke about communicating progress and success to the campus. She noted that it was important for the UA community to understand that every College and School benefits from the faculty hires, and every corner of the University benefits from 2020. There are many different stakeholders, and each one needs a different communication strategy.

The council complimented Provost Phillips on her presentation. A council member commented on 2020’s synergy with President Jones’ community engagement goals. Mr. Foster noted that this will be of great interest to the undergraduate student population, particularly the potential job training that SUNY2020 brings to that constituency. The Provost added that there are plans for more internships, engaged learning, etc. as part of SUNY2020. Also, an undergraduate research opportunities brochure is in production to inform students of these opportunities. Advising Plus is getting good feedback.

A council member posed a question about the 2020 plan link to the Facilities Master Plan. Mr. Beditz replied that the biggest problem with Facilities Master Plan at this point is the lack of new capital except for 2020 funding. The current NYS budget has allocated no capital maintenance funds, thus many of the initiatives in the plan will be stalled.

A council member asked about rental/revenue from corporate partners. The Provost responded that we are planning for there to be some rent, and some business incubator space. Tech transfer is an issue - patent agreements can be tricky, and royalties are not intended to be a revenue generator. Sponsored funds and increased enrollment are our revenue targets.

Student Opinion Survey and National Survey of Student Engagement

Dr. Bruce Szelest and Dr. Joel Bloom from Institutional Research presented findings from the 2011 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and 2012 Student Opinion Survey (SOS).

NSSE -2011

Findings - 4,633 UA students (only freshmen* and seniors) were invited to participate, 843 completed surveys for an 18% response rate. Results are weighted by gender and FT/PT status.

Survey findings:

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* Freshmen defined as first year, first time college students

In terms of student satisfaction, the survey asked students to describe their educational experiences in a variety of areas:

- Level of Academic Challenge
- Active & collaborative learning
• Student-faculty interaction
• Enriching Educational Experiences
• Supportive Campus Environment

Key Results:

Looking at seniors - freshman admits vs. transfer admits, overall satisfaction of transfers is lower.

Additional details about the survey results are available at http://www.albany.edu/ir/2011_NSSE_Summary_FINAL.pdf

UAlbany’s scores did increase in all five benchmark areas over the 2008 survey.

**SOS 2012**

Results - 1,552 usable surveys, 13% sample of undergrad population. Survey respondents represent a broad sample of undergraduates, with the exception of gender (males were underrepresented, as is typical of most surveys)

The survey is constructed collaboratively, and is assembled by ACT. Margin of error is 2.3+/-.

The four areas are:

• Overall satisfaction
• Academic satisfaction
• Non-academic satisfaction
• Dining & Residence satisfaction

Satisfaction declined slightly or remained static in all categories except Dining & Residence.

A council member asked about how these surveys affect the reallocation of resources. Dr. Szelest replied that there was no affect that we are aware of; this is not a factor built into allocation formulas. Another question was posed as to why there was no stratified random sample to make data more interpretable. Dr. Bloom responded that the response rate continues to be a problem. Two issues therein are the cost of distributing the paper survey and using class time to complete the survey. How to get students to respond is the big question. Mr. Foster suggested that students are conditioned to respond to items in the 'high attention' box, which may offer an avenue to achieve a higher response rate.

The summary report is available at http://www.albany.edu/ir/SOS2012_Report_FINAL.pdf

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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