UNIVERSITY POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL
2012-13 CHAIR – SUSANNA FESSLER

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: S. Fessler, J. Kadish, A. Lyons, S. Phillips, H. Scheck, D. Wagner, G. Williams, E. Wulfert

GUEST: Karen Chico Hurst, University Registrar

Chair’s Report

Chair Fessler welcomed the council members and reported that an update had been presented to the 2011-12 UPPC in July. Minutes of that meeting are included in the distributed materials for the 2012-13 council to review.

The Resource Analysis Planning Committee (RAPC) and University Facilities Committee (UFC) are the official subcommittees of UPPC. They were formed nominally last year and it was decided to have both function as a Committee of the whole. RAPC’s major charge is to review the Strategic Plan. UFC’s charge is to review the Facilities Master Plan. Since there is a Strategic Plan Implementation Advisory Committee and a Facilities Master Plan Advisory Committee that are already in place and active, the chair has proposed that after looking at the required composition of RAPC, save for student representation, a subset of the Strategic Plan Implementation Advisory committee could satisfy the staffing requirements if we add one graduate student (from UPPC) and an undergraduate representative. Provost Phillips will coordinate with the President to make the student additions.

As for UFC, a subset of the Facilities Master Plan Advisory Committee has membership that satisfies the requirements as well (an undergraduate rep is designated). We can fill the graduate position with the UPPC grad student. Chair Fessler will report the proposed committee compositions to GOV for approval.

Provost’s Report

Provost Phillips reported that the fall semester began with 45 new faculty members, and that a new faculty orientation program is now in place. A new staff orientation program will be an ongoing program where new hires will have the opportunity to meet with each division.

Provost Fellows for 2012-13 are:

- Promotion and Tenure Issues - Mary Gallant, Associate Professor of Health Policy, Management and Behavior
- Faculty Development and Recruitment - Lani Jones, Associate Professor of Social Welfare (begins January 2013)
- Internationalization Collaborations and Initiatives – Kevin Kinser, Associate Professor in Educational Administration and Policy Studies
Estimated Enrollment Statistics:

- Undergraduate enrollment is up; 100-120 more than last year
- 2,572 incoming freshmen, which is a 5.4% increase over last year
- Applicant pool of 21,000
- The biggest increases are in international and domestic non-resident students. 289 new students in this pool, a 14% increase over last year
- The quality of pool looks to be the same as last year, with an average GPA of 89.7
- Top 10% increased by 2% (now 20%)
- 1147 is the average SAT score
- Transfers down slightly, just under 1,400 with an average 3.1 GPA
- Graduate and non-degree enrollments are about 350 under expectations
- Overall gain in enrollment is 213

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We have almost finished the first round of faculty hires; 35 faculty searches were authorized so far. Of 40 proposals submitted in the first cycle, 14 were funded so far.

The 2nd round for request for proposals is out. There are a series of workshops for units interested in submitting proposals.

Our 2020 plan has not officially been approved yet; we are expecting to hear on a date shortly.

Strategic Plan Implementation (handout)

The Provost handed out a draft Strategic Plan Campus-wide Alignment plan, which highlights initiatives that the schools and colleges are pursuing as well as a summary of initiatives that are “on deck” for year 2. Some highlights: Across Undergraduate Education and the Student Experience, coordination of academic support has been dispersed across the campus. A new academic support service council will incorporate Athletics, Res Life, EOP, math tutors, chem/bio program, A+, international, etc. to learn about what is going on campus wide and how to coordinate these programs to provide the most effective services to our students. Discussion of a new writing program and implementation of the Gen Ed program are also significant projects this year.

Online teaching and learning – Provost Phillips and CIO Chris Haile have put together a strategic conversation regarding this. They are looking at the next steps needed to grow our infrastructure to support increased participation in these increasingly popular programs.

SUNY Board of Trustees – Authorization for UAlbany to buy the Schuyler High School is on the Board of Trustees’ agenda this morning.

The Board of Trustees is also looking at a new budget model, which includes a number of factors that will affect how we obtain funding in the future. The elements of a new model will likely include:
• **Enrollment** - takes a national estimate of how much it costs to teach a discipline at different levels, then applies against the tuition we get towards that, and estimates what proportion of the balance SUNY can fund using state appropriations. Funds will be allocated based on enrollment on the various disciplines.

• **Research** - recognizes that research is part of the system mission - 70% of this component would be based on success in obtaining straight federal funding (likely measured by federal indirect cost recovery). A significant portion of our portfolio is federal flow-through, as well as state-based., making this component less favorable for us. There will be a discretionary element in this component as well.

• **Geographic differential** - recognizes that cost of doing business is different in parts of the state. Differential is based on the local costs for professional staff, whereas faculty cost is a national market.

• **Mission** - reserved for campuses that have significant costs associated with mission that aren't addressed by enrollment or research. Two campuses would qualify - Maritime has a fleet to maintain and ESF has a forest.

**Academic Calendar**

Construction of the academic calendar continues to be a hot topic. The council was referred to the 'history of the calendar' document, compiled by Dr. Fessler. The number of factors in play in determining the calendar keeps increasing; there are now 29 considerations. The 2013-14 calendar was approved in June. In Spring 2014 there is a new feature, a Saturday exam.

Going forward, the Registrar requests that we come up with new, updated guidelines given the multitude of requirements and campus variables. The Registrar proposes a 5 year guideline that will be reviewed periodically. The 2013-14 calendar is not published yet. When it goes out, it will be accompanied by a narrative about the factors. A question was asked about unifying all SUNY calendars. Ms. Chico Hurst responded that she has not heard anything.

Dr. Fessler asked the council to take a look at the Calendar History compendium, in particular the 1990-91 bill (pg. 190) that highlights bullet points about dealing with factors. She requested that the council review the 1980-81 and 1990-91 bills as homework for the next UPPC meeting on October 3rd.

As the council did not have a quorum, review of the May 11 and July 31 minutes will be deferred until the 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33am

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Stern