Ad Hoc Budget Committee

Monday, September 15, 2014

2:30-4:00 p.m.

O16 Administration Bldg. – DeVos Campus

Present: Dave Anderson, John Cowles, Amy Koning, Amy Robinson, Eric Mullen, Jesse Heard, Jim Peterson, Jeff Spoelman, Laurie Chesley (co-chair), and Lisa Freiburger (co-chair)

Notes:

Review of Communications Regarding Our Work

Committee members shared ideas for budget reduction and revenue enhancement that members of the campus community had shared with them. Those ideas were added to our list.

Lisa shared that she had presented a summary of our work at the September SLT meeting. No questions were asked.

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The committee spent most of the rest of the meeting continuing to review similar ideas and decide how to address them. The committee discussed at length what kinds of guidance it might give to EBCO’s as we ask for them to consider means to generate revenue or to reduce budgets in their areas. The committee agreed that college leaders always should be thinking about how to meet college needs more efficiently and effectively, especially when employees leave the College.

Update from VERP Subteam

Lisa updated our committee on the work of the VERP subteam. In order to have this option be potentially available for the coming year, our committee will need to make a recommendation to the President soon. This is one idea that we will need to consider separately from the others, if we wish to recommend it.

Next Meeting

Date and time: Monday, September 22 – 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Topics:  * Review status of communications regarding our work
         * Continue to identify similar groupings of ideas that could be studied together; establish additional subteams; identify additional data needs
         * VERP Team Recommendation
         * Review first filter findings for new ideas generated from college survey
         * Review BRIT recommendations; determine how to address this work