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Consultative Committee
Prairie Lounge
November 4, 2011
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Committee members present: Co-chairs Jen Zych Herrmann and Nic McPhee, Brook Miller, Dennis Stewart, Bonnie Tipcke, Molly Donovan, Naomi Wentz, LeAnn Dean, Manjari Govada, Nancy Helsper

Committee members absent: Troy Goodnough, Jim Barbour

Guest: Chancellor Johnson

1. Tuition Waiver

- a. Chancellor Johnson discussed the background of the American Indian tuition waiver.
 - i. Because of UMM's history as a Native American boarding school, we are responsible for following the federal mandate passed in 1909 and the subsequent state statute that was passed, both of which state that we must have a tuition waiver for Native American students.
 - ii. Fort Louis College in Durango, CO is the only other college in a similar situation.
 - iii. In the past 10 years, the number of American Indian students at UMM has doubled, and we are currently at 248 American Indian students, who represent 13% of the student body.
 - iv. They do not have to be Minnesotan residents, and it has recently also been extended to Canadian residents.
- b. Funding
 - i. It is currently funded through U of M's operating budget, and the central allocation supports 65% of the waiver.
 - i. Recently, all fees were rolled into tuition, which raised tuition about \$1,000 per student, and UMM was funded an additional \$200,000 to compensate for this change.
 - ii. In addition, the central campus will be funding UMM at a fixed amount for the next 6 years. This number was extrapolated from a American Indian student enrollment estimate by the TC, however, UMM has already exceeded the upper bound on this estimate.
 - c. Eligibility
 - i. 3/4 of the students receiving the tuition waiver have parents, grandparents, or are themselves members of a tribe.
 - i. The Chancellor described the criteria used to determine eligibility for the waiver.
 - d. Future strategy
 - i. UMM will continue to make sure that we are following the mandates and are funding the American Indian students.
 - i. We expect the number of American Indian students to increase

RAR process

Comparison across groups (academic, student services, administrative)

- i. Chancellor Johnson understands that it will be difficult to compare the 3 different groups, but stated that we must also understand the reasoning behind the process, and the fact that we are facing increasing pressure from the Regents and President Kalor to oversee such a process.
 - a. Colleen Miller reviewed the article written by the AAUP treasurer about University of Minnesota finances and found some discrepancies. The committee recommended

that she present her results to either the Finance or Consultative committees. The cost of educating one student at each campus will be calculated for all the campuses, and Chancellor Johnson stated that she is uncertain where UMM will rank.

- b. In addition, it is unlikely that UMM will receive an additional allocation from the central administration to increase campus salaries; however, she suggested that the reallocation process could find money that could be used to increase salaries.
- c. Chancellor Johnson said she will look to see if there are unused funds from the 3-day furloughs that were taken during the summer.