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Planning Committee Minutes

12/11/18

<u>Committee Members</u>: James Wojtaszek (Chair), Tom Johnson, Renee Seykora, Jana Koehler, Bryan Herrmann (ex-officio), Bill Zimmerman (ex-officio), Stacey Aronson, Julia Dabbs, Bridgett Karels, Sam Rosemark, Sydney Bauer, Mark Logan, and Alison Campbell (secretary)

Absent: Bridgett Karels, Stacey Aronson

Guest(s): Finance Committee Members

Approve Minutes from 11/27/18: Minutes Approved

Roger Rose, Michael Korth, John Anderson, Ramsey Bohm from the Finance Committee came to talk about how their committee and Planning Committee can have more of an advisory role? How we can contribute as committees besides just hearing the information.

Finance Committee Comments:

- Bryan Herrmann and Melissa Wrobleski present the budget. How can we get more of a voice in the decision making trying not to be a committee that just hears things?
 - Mandated by constitution to have an advisory role
 - Finance would like the budget at the beginning of the year having info early enough to be more engaged
- \$3 million over budget Division Charis are mandated to find savings
 - Seems to be reactive decisions not proactive
 - Who sets the priorities of hiring and budgeting process
 - Where to invest resources = trimming and growing
 - Rank order maybe
 - Are we using our budget to meet priorities
 - Opportunistic who is retiring want more strategic planning
 - We didn't balance the budget last year only happened with the use of the contingency fund – still dealing with problems from prior years
 - \$4 million less in revenue because of drop in tuition revenue salary increases occurred
- Chancellor giving us mixed signals about how the strategic plan and budget are rooted together
 Finance Committee conversations don't circle back to the planning piece

Planning Committee Comments:

- Strategic plan was charged by the Regents, System President, and in general HLC requires it
- How has planning discussed adding programs/certificates these are Curriculum Committee topics but could tie to budget brainstorming ideas – there was no concrete decision made

- Planning committee has the same frustrations about what our charge is
 - o Planning committee agreed to work on the progress cards Melissa Bert presented on

Suggestions:

- If we are going to discuss directions in which we should be charged administration needs to be on board or we can't move forward with ideas it would be helpful to have a shared vision if we have objections or questions it would be best to include administration
- Better coordination have planning and finance as one committee again parallel charges with a different focus
- Spring semester finance and planning could meet with the Chancellor and Dean
- Set up a schedule where members meet with other entities across campus
- We could share minutes among committees available in the Digital Well
- Want to set precedents and practices for long term charges for the committees