BAC Meeting, April 8, 2014, UL2115J, 12:30
Attendees: Thomas Fisher (chair), Andrea Copeland (secretary), Camy Broeker, Jack Schaaf, Steve Randall, Jacqueline Blackwell, Brian Krohn, Antony page, Andrew Winship, Debby Cullen, Tom Stucky

1. Approval of the January Minutes (Thom)—Approved as distributed.
2. Feb and March Meetings were cancelled in lieu of the Cluster Conversations- February 4 cluster conversation rescheduled April 24th of Herron room 111, 1 to 2:30. Andrea, Brian, Debbie
3. Cluster Conversations Update—Report (Thom) —Send salient themes to Thom so that he can compile them and send them on to administration.

Camy: Let me know what it is not transparent in the documents I’m about to present.

Any increase in the assessment comes from the academic units. The requests are vetted with the vice-chancellors – they weed out requests. This list is selective. We go through a process in RPC (Resource Planning Committee), we put up a grid for each of the items, and the members vote half plus one. This is the prioritized list out of the RPC. Concerns with the number of police. Classroom furniture is high on the list – student satisfaction surveys. 30% of furniture that is over 30 years old. Some of the items that did not get funded will be funded in other ways. Student Life requests are sent to the General student fee council. These will be voted on in the same manner. These were all the base requests.

Support salary increases were possible at no additional cost because of the changes in fringe benefits. Our costs in medical care went down because so many people selected the high deductible option.

Budget issues list: Utility rates increasing, property insurance increased, Some of the Wishard buildings will come done. Several commitments to financial aid – increases. Non-resident financial rates are too high to be competitive and so financial aid is made available to offset the high rate out of state tuition. We are making the argument that people are staying in Indiana and therefore could be justified. All funded: New Police sergeant, furniture, a new dispatcher, a new CAPS counselor. The health and life sciences career advisor. Conduct staff member, SSI adjustment to UA - is moved from campus assessments to university assessment. The parking department will have to pay for their own support staff out of revenues. UTIS salary increases is from university assessments.

Member: Is there any overarching philosophy to the assessment process? How does enrollment shaping influence the priorities?

Camy: Yes, there was some discussion connected to the strategic plan.

University Tax: Monies we pay to the main campus. Trying to make this process more transparent which is difficult because it has evolved over many years.

Member: Who is representing IUPUI in the evaluation of the university tax?
Camy: Dawn

Camy: Summary document: Law, Education, Herron, SPEA, -showing a negative change. Medicine is paying less in assessment because of the move to IUHP – using less university property therefore paying less in assessments.

Member: Will this decrease in medicine’s assessment cause an increase for everyone else?
Camy: Not necessarily. They are hoping to see an increase in research and a decrease support staff.
Member: Because of the accreditation piece they are required to have a certain number of IU faculty teaching the students. The new dean is aware what needs to happen but he’s only been here 6 months.
Member: When one unit isn’t doing well, it drags all the other schools down.
Camy: Walkforward
5. Budgetary Affairs Committee Composition in the Schools (Thom)—Collect data on how each school forms their BAC. How is the person chosen to attend the campus BAC meeting? Advisory or decision making? Send to Tom within a couple of weeks.

6. The Library
Member: Library tenants – who pays? Support units do not pay for space. Academic units pay for space through assessments. Herron – has to pay for Honors Scholarships and their own—what responsibility does the Honors College have to pay for those scholarships.
Member: Serials – why are they being cut? Seems like they are being cut too much? Perhaps we need to give more money to support units.
Member: The library’s budget decreases every year and serials costs increase every year.
Member: 3% increase every year to the support units – can we prioritize where our money goes?
Member: what kind of accountability exists in the support units?
Member: How is the money divided up from the state appropriations?
Member: We need to have an external evaluation of the RCM model – there needs to be an examination of support service allocations. Student life services are becoming more important.
Camy: What’s in the costs that we are supporting with the allocations? There have been changes along the way to meet priorities that don’t get attention. For example, reduction in staff in Bursars due to technology- shifted resources to police. Any questions on any of the documents, please contact Camy.

Meeting adjourned: 2:05