March 28, 2011

Committee Members: Dr. J. Patrick O'Brien; Dr. James Hallmark; Gary Barnes; Dr. James Rennier; Dr. Don Albrecht; Dr. Neal Weaver; Dan Garcia; Dr. Gary Byrd; Tim Vela; Andrea Porter; Michael McBroom; James Webb; Dr. Gary Kelley; Dr. Leigh Browning; Dr. Karyn Friske; Jack Schiller; JD Morrison

Resource Non-voting Members: Cliff Vanderpool; Dr. Angela Spaulding

➢ UPDATE FROM AUSTIN (O'Brien)
  • The House Appropriations Committee will be considering HB1 starting this Friday. The version of HB1 that will be considered was modified slightly from the original version. There is still at 10% cut in GR Formula Funding, but the cut in Special Items was moved from 25% to 27%. Hold Harmless funding was eliminated.
  • There is a companion bill currently working its way through the House which asks for the Coordinating Board to adopt a new formula. A portion of the new formula would be based upon outcomes and would differ for each institution.
  • A modified version of SB1 is expected to come from the Senate in the next few weeks.
  • No new funds will be going back into Texas Grant which translates into a potential loss of $1.3 million per year for WT.
  • A lower level of funding for Pell Grants is being proposed by the House at the federal level, which could also impact WT.

➢ UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING TERMINATION OR REDUCTION OF PROGRAMS AND DISCUSSION
  • No suggestions or modifications regarding the Criteria for Program Reduction or Termination form were received by subcommittee members.
  • O'Brien asked that program quality be discussed and possibly included in the form.
  • Byrd expressed the desire to propose additional ideas regarding the format of the material the subcommittee has produced. O'Brien suggested that he present ideas at the subcommittee's next meeting.

➢ UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING TERMINATION OF FACULTY POSITIONS AND DISCUSSION
  • Hallmark stated the subcommittee has not met since the full committee's last meeting. Material was distributed to subcommittee members regarding criteria that other universities are currently using.

➢ UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF WORKING MISSION STATEMENT (O'Brien)
  • O’Brien explained the distributed Working Mission Statement document is an informational item at this point and requested input from committee members. After comments are received, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee will meet again to finalize the document.

➢ FUTURE MEETINGS
  • April 14; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  • April 25; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  • May 10; 1:00-3:00 p.m.
  • May 23; 1:00-3:00 p.m.