September 23, 2011

Committee Members: Co-Chairs – Dr. Wade Shaffer and Dr. Don Albrecht; Faculty Representatives Appointed by Dean (6) – Dr. Pam Lockwood-Cooke, Dr. Karyn Friske, Dr. Jim Calvi, Dr. Leigh Browning, Dr. Debbie Davenport, and Dr. Susan Nix; Faculty Representatives Elected by Faculty (5) – Dr. John Pipkin, Dr. Amjad Abdullat, Dr. Harry Hueston, Dr. Paul Clark, and Dr. Chuck Chase; Staff Representatives (3) – Denese Skinner, Shawn Thomas, and Mark Hiner; Student Representatives (4) – Brandy Roberts, Nick Goetttsche, Ciro Baldieviezo, and Leif Knippers; President's Representative (1) – Michael McBroom; Faculty Senate's Representative (1) – Dr. Gary Byrd; Resource Support Non-Voting (4) – Rick Johnson, Dr. Gary Kelley, Harvey Hudspeth, and Dr. James Rennier.

Meeting Attendees: Dr. Pat O'Brien, Denese Skinner, Dr. John Pipkin, Mark Hiner, Dr. Chuck Chase, Dr. Susan Nix, Dr. Debbie Davenport, Dr. Don Albrecht, Dr. Wade Shaffer, Shawn Thomas, Dr. Jim Calvi, Dr. Harry Hueston, Dr. Gary Kelley, Dr. Karyn Friske, Dr. Pam Lockwood-Cooke, Dr. Gary Byrd, Dr. Paul Clark, Dr. Leigh Browning, Leif Knippers, Michael McBroom, Harvey Hudspeth, Brandy Roberts, Rick Johnson, Nick Goetttsche, Tracee Post, and Sherri McIlroy.

- OPENING
  - O'Brien thanked everyone on the committee for their willingness to serve on this particular committee. O'Brien reiterated the loss of funds in the last biennium and the biennium FY 12-13 to WTAMU and reminded the committee about the decreased amount of Texas grants available to the universities, which produced a loss to WT. To get through this year without any personal cuts we made some reallocations. Major funding is for instruction or academics and research, explaining formula funding is based on students' credit hours and the dollar amounts that the legislator appropriates to students. Another funding source through the appropriations process is special items. The purpose of the committee is to determine non-essential programs and processes and reallocate those resources to areas that are essential to the operation of the institution. WT needs to be more effective and efficient.
  - O'Brien described the committee structure. Most of WT's resources are in academic affairs, so there is a high representation from faculty. There are 11 faculty representatives, with 2 co-chairs; Dr. Don Albrecht and Dr. Wade Shaffer. There are 3 staff representatives, 4 student representatives, a president representative and a faculty senate representative. In reviewing academic programs we need to look at centrality to mission, quality, demand and program growth. Non-academic programs do not create a return; they support academic programs but are not revenue generators. WT's funding will depend on graduation, enrollment growth, and persistence rate. This process could take a few years to complete, but the bulk of the work needs to be done this semester. WT needs to have higher quality programs that will result in increased student learning and enrollment.
  - O'Brien explained that each of the vice presidents has submitted a list rating programs under their oversight with ratings as critically important, important, essential, etc. Information from The Texas A&M System stating is a resource stating what each faculty member generates. Not all of the education at a university takes place in the classroom. Areas outside of the classroom are what enhance a student’s life and marketability.

- COMMITTEE MEETING
  - Albrecht discussed the timeline due dates of the Program Review Process and explained that there are eight units reporting. There are 22 committee members. Shaffer explained committee members would be serving in subcommittees, both academic and non-academic. Sub-committees will be meeting in addition to the Program Review Committee meetings.

- FUTURE MEETING
  - 10.21.11; 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.