The University of Michigan – Flint
Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for Budget & Strategic Planning

February 13, 2009

Minutes

Present: Ruth Person, Jack Kay, Dave Barthelmes, Bob Stach, Kui-Bin Im, Mark Perry, Teddy Robertson, Sapna Vyas, Chris Waters, Melody Bartholomew

Minutes: The minutes of the retreat held on January 23, 2009 were reviewed and accepted.

Agenda items included: (1) Final discussion and vote on budget recommendations; (2) discussion concerning new strategic plan (initial ideas/plans, etc); (3) new programs to consider (MA in Art Administration and Bachelor of Social Work)

Budget Recommendations ~ the committee unanimously agreed that fringe benefit costs should be moved to the various units and this recommendation has been submitted to the Chancellor.

Discussion concerning new Strategic Plan ~ T. Robertson explained how the current strategic plan came together and how (in her opinion), the strategic plan should be linked to the budget. K. Im stated she believes the current plan is very broad and impossible to measure accomplishments much less accomplish all the goals set forth within the 5-year plan. It was suggested that the committee review the text of the plan with attention to what has been accomplished and what has been set aside. This may provide some thought for developing and moving the next strategic plan forward.

New Programs/MA in Art Administration and Bachelor of Social Work ~ both prospective programs have submitted budget templates. The MA in Art Administration has obtained grad program review and has also been approved by AAAC. It was noted that this is a well-written proposal that will generate new revenue. The committee voted unanimously to approve the program.

The Bachelor of Social Work program was likewise approved by AAAC and the committee unanimously voted to approve moving this program forward as well.

Other Matters ~ The Chancellor stated she will be testifying before the Higher Ed Committee on state appropriations. The focus of her testimony will be to “help us keep our momentum going.”
The Chancellor also reported that the Mott Foundation has expressed a desire to assist the University in providing housing spaces for the upcoming Fall 09 semester. Negotiations are underway concerning the purchase of the Character Inn.

The Chancellor asked that faculty be cognizant of students who may be in need of additional financial aid support given the current state of the economy.

J. Kay reported that the Office of Admissions is looking to hire a Veteran's recruiter in an attempt to increase our services to returning Veterans. Current data suggests there is a substantial need for Veteran's services and this is an “uptapped” area that needs further attention.