The University of Michigan - Flint
Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Budget & Strategic Planning

February 22, 2008

Draft Minutes

Present: Jack Kay, Dave Barthelmes, Vahid Lotfi, Kui-Bin Im, Bob Stach, Eric Freedman, Beverly Shumer

Absent: Shu-Yu Tu, Betty Velthouse

Minutes: The minutes of the Feb 08, 2008 CAC/BSP meeting were reviewed and approved.

Proposals:

- Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy, Transitional Clinical Doctor of Physical therapy, Clinical Physical Therapist Certificate - V. Lotfi stated that the funding has been provided by OEL, the program has been approved by AAAC and is ready to proceed to the HLC. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the program and supports moving the program forward.
- Proposed BS/MS in Chemistry or Biochemistry - B. Stach reported it is anticipated this program will grow 3-5 students. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the program and supports moving the program forward.
- Proposed Master of Liberal Studies/Theatre & Community - The Committee reviewed the materials submitted and unanimously voted to approve the program and supports moving the program forward.
- Proposed BS in Mechanical Engineering - The Committee reviewed the materials submitted and unanimously voted to approve the program and supports moving the program forward.

A discussion commenced regarding the proposed accreditation agency for Education. V. Lotfi explained the desire to gain professional accreditation and stated the selection of an accreditation agency is an institutional choice. The Committee agreed on the importance of pursuing this initiative.
Continued Discussion Regarding Budget Issues:

J. Kay reported that at the recent President’s Council meeting, all of the presidents held discussions concerning tuition increases very tight to the chest. There was agreement, however, that HEPI versus CPS should be the guide for setting tuition. In light of the state’s current position, it is difficult to set salary and tuition increases. There is not much new information coming out of Lansing to assist in setting tuition rates.

A continued discussion commenced regarding salary increases and the need to set aside funds for capital outlay projects.

Chancellor’s Comments

J. Kay reported that discussions at President’s Council resulted in two clear messages: (1) recent studies indicate that cities interesting to young people are critical to growing enrollment and (2) universities must start showing the State that they are helping the State’s economy and entrepreneurial efforts.

Mayor Williamson’s State of the City address called for a significant tax increase. The Mayor also made reference to the University of Michigan-Flint in his address and pledged that his administration will help to support the institution.

J. Kay distributed financial details pertaining to the December 2007 security breach and a summary of events that occurred.

J. Kay conveyed to the Committee that he hopes to have budget scenarios available at the next meeting on 3/14.