

Minutes of February 19, 2009 Meeting

The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. in room 817, Cathedral of Learning.

UPBC members present were: John Baker, Jerome Cochran, Richard Colwell, N. John Cooper, Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob, Judith Erlen, William Harbert, Carol Hodgkiss, Alan Lesgold, Arthur Levine, James Maher, Paul Munro, Richard Pratt, Arthur Ramicone, Sharon Smith, Kathleen Vergona, and Stephen Wisniewski. Also present were: Beverly Ann Gaddy, Jeffrey Masnick, Albert Novak, Benoni Outerbridge, Robert Pack, Paul Supowitz, and Gwen Watkins.

UPBC members not present were: Diana Browning, David DeJong, Charlie McLaughlin, Darius Ravangard, Michael Stuckart, Kathy Tosh, Richard Ulsh.

Report of the Chair

Maher provided an overview of the impact of the economic crisis on higher education and how other institutions are dealing with it. He described the position of the University and the probable economic impact on the University's four main revenue streams: research, endowment, tuition, and state appropriations.

Maher discussed the document, "Revenue and Cost Attribution," and the issue of its use and availability to people outside the UPBC. After much discussion, there was a motion from the floor. The motion was seconded, and after further discussion was revised as follows:

"While the Committee values transparency of the fiscal affairs of the University, the sub-Committee report, "Revenue and Cost Attribution," is not one that should be shared with other elements of the University's internal governance structure unless those elements are willing to maintain confidentiality."

The motion passed: 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. In response to statements of anxiety over the usefulness of "Revenue and Cost Attribution," Maher suggested deferring discussion to a meeting in Fall 2009.

Maher asked the Committee to help the Chancellor prepare for the Senate hearings in Harrisburg on March 2nd by providing guidance on the issue of faculty salaries for FY 2010. There was a motion from the floor that the Committee's advice to the Chancellor is as follows:

"Providing general salary increases seems unwise unless the budget situation improves."

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Details of possible exceptions will be worked out in the Parameters Sub-Committee Meetings.

Discussion of the Governor's Proposed FY 2010 Commonwealth Budget

Discussion was tabled until the next UPBC meeting.

Discussion of the University's FY 2010 Commonwealth Appropriation Request

Discussion was tabled until the next UPBC meeting.

University Planning and Budgeting Committee

Matters Arising

Maher reminded the Committee that all members are welcome to attend the Parameters Sub-Committee where much of the work gets done. Parameters Sub-Committee meetings will be held in 1817 Cathedral of Learning conference room on the following dates:

Thursday, March 12, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Friday, March 27, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Thursday, April 9, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Friday, April 24, 10:00 – 11:00 am

The next UPBC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2009, 2:00 – 4:00 in room 817 Cathedral of Learning.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.