

Minutes of November 28, 2017 Meeting

The meeting convened at 10:32 a.m. in the Babcock Room Cathedral of Learning.

UPBC members present were: Patricia Beeson, Livingston Alexander, Tammeka Banks, Keith Caldwell, Jackie Dunbar-Jacob, Jerry Holder, Kathleen Kelly, Max Kneis, Doug Landsittel, John Lyon, Dean Nelson, Arthur Ramicone, Wesley Rohrer, Gregory Scott, Andy Stephany, Kornelia Tancheva, Alex Toner, Frank Wilson, and Chad Zutter.

Also present were: David DeJong, Tom Crawford, Leslie Gumbita-Meile, Rich Henderson, Nancy Tannery, Paul Supowitz, and Thurman Wingrove.

UPBC members not present were: Arthur Levine, William Kory, Catherine Lamberton, Art Ramicone, and Shreyas Vamburkar

Welcome and Introductions

Provost Beeson thanked the committee members for their service and reminded them of the confidential nature of all UPBC and subcommittee meetings.

Minutes of April 24, 2017 Meeting

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Strategic Planning and the UPBC (Beeson)

Provost Beeson informed the committee that the scope of its activities will be expanded, and that the number of its meetings will increase. Moving forward, the committee will be more actively engaged in tracking the implementation of the university-wide strategic plan: The Plan for Pitt. The committee will receive regular updates and provide feedback on the progress of implementation. The committee will also provide input on proposals received under the new seed grant program that has been established to spur initiatives for driving the goals and strategies of the strategic plan.

University of Pittsburgh – Titusville Update (Feick)

Larry Feick provided an overview of the enrollment and financial situation at University of Pittsburgh at Titusville. He described falling enrollments and loss of revenue. Feick explained the process of developing five options for the future of the campus recommended to the Board of Trustees last June. The process involved considerable discussion with individuals on the campus including a campus-level taskforce and meetings with the faculty and staff, as well as in the community. The Board asked that two options be developed further: closing the campus or

creating a higher-education hub on the campus with partners. Feick noted discussions with a community college, a training center, and other institutions to create a complementary set of program offerings. The next steps are to prepare an analysis of the two options requested by the Board of Trustees, followed by an internal review of the proposals through established University processes and procedures (including a review by this committee), before the proposals are presented to the Board.

Planning for an Uncertain Commonwealth Appropriation

The Provost described the recent history of decreased funding from the Commonwealth, and characterized as uncertain the prospects for continuation at current levels. Thurman Wingrove then discussed steps the CFO's office was considering had we not received our appropriation in the current fiscal year. He noted that any measures taken to raise new revenue or reduce expenditures would have fallen short of closing the prospective budget gap, and therefore we would have had to take on additional debt. Provost Beeson then discussed a long-range planning process the university is undertaking, reviewed benchmarking data on enrollments and pricing among peer institutions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59