

**Summary**

**Present:** Toll, Crawford, Felton, Blanchard for Cordova, Johnson, Roberts, Mamarchev, McShane, Snyder, Harrison, Jaeger, Magiera, Myers, St. Hill, Brazzeal, Brunner, Rollo

**Absent:** Blood, Genson, Kavanagh, Laviolette, Carter

**Report of the Council Chair:**

Ron discussed the current national and state political contexts for higher education.

**Review of Standing Committee Reports:**

**Budget**

Shawn Felton noted the committee would be meeting again on 11/7 and that they would address the issue of funding for technology with the IRC again this year as well as closely monitor developments in Tallahassee. Steve Magiera was very doubtful about PECO funding this coming year or anytime in the next few years. He added that after meeting core university requirements, the Cabinet was discussing the possible allocation of \$400,000 for staff hires across the divisions.

**ERMC**

Marc Laviolette was not present so there was no report.

**ESC**

Lewis Johnson stated that the ESC was looking at the trade-off of LEED points in favor of increased energy efficiency and savings with regard to the construction of future buildings. In addition they were looking at the usage of campus trails. They were also working on a local definition of sustainability which they would share with the Provost once approved by the committee. Lewis also stated that the university would do a second set of STARS benchmarking this year.

**IRC**

Dave Jaeger noted the committee was working on its charge for the year and would create a technology priority list to discuss with the Budget Committee. Ron added that he was going to meet with Dave and Mary concerning the development of a white paper for an enterprise document imaging system.

**SFC**

Susan Blanchard noted the committee was wrapping up work on the Campus Master Plan that would go to the Board of Trustees in January.

## **SPIEC**

Paul stated that the committee had met twice with a focus on the planning process and a schedule for updating the strategic plan in the spring.

### **Old Business:**

Ron stated that Tom Roberts requested to address the committee at this meeting. Tom presented his perception of the process for updating the strategic plan tables in May as being rushed and flawed without a formal vote on the final set of tables. Tom indicated that his specific objection remains with G3, 5.2 due to the direct connection to the response to the Positioning and Alignment Task Force report and the associated conclusions chart. He found the response and conclusions chart to be arbitrary, selective, unfair, and unequal. The response to the recommendations leaves the false impression that the response accepts conclusions that were drawn by the task force itself when that is clearly not the case. Tom also indicated that in general there was widespread skepticism and distrust related to the entire positioning and alignment process. Tom made a motion to remove Item G3, 5.2 from the updated SP Tables due to the aforementioned. Megan seconded the motion. Paul responded by providing a chronology of events demonstrating that while a final vote was not taken, the PBC had seen all iterations of the tables and had a chance to comment on them. A great deal of discussion ensued. Doug suggested that the summary of the May PBC meeting be amended to reflect the email exchanges that took place after the meeting from May 3 through May 6. Shawn made a motion to table Tom's motion, which was seconded by Halcyon so that PBC members could examine the records of the May 3 meeting and the subsequent emails more closely. This motion was passed with several abstentions. Paul said he would gather the electronic records and share them with the Council in anticipation of the next meeting.

### **Next Steps:**

The next meeting of the PBC will occur on November 8. Doug updated the Council on the work of the Faculty Senate to change its by-laws to more closely align its former budget advisory committee with the PBC. The committee would be known as the SPBAC (Senate Planning and Budget Advisory Committee) and comprise all the in-unit Faculty Senate representatives serving on the PBC and its six committees.