RPA MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time/Location: 18 October 2007 Meeting; 8:00-9:00 AM; 107 Lab of Mechanics
Attending: Travis Sapp (Bus), Margaret Torrie (CHS), Arnold Van Der Valk (LAS), Chris Martin (Design), Sedahlia Crase, Clark Ford, Gregory Palermo

1. Approved Agenda for 10/18/07.

2. Approved Minutes of 10/04/07.

3. Follow-up to meeting 10/04
   a) Guiding principles update and memorandum. G. Palermo drafted an information background statement. S. Crase discussed this with the provost, and it has since been sent in the full text version to the provost and distributed to RPA members. Members of the RPA and Caucus chairs will continue to monitor collegiate plans for faculty inclusion in budget development and decisions. Plans for further dissemination were not discussed: e.g., to caucus chairs, the executive board, Chairs Cabinet.
   b) Review of budget proposals indicated in the schedule. This was not discussed in detail at the meeting with the provost on 10/04. The RPA members believed this should be a focus of future meetings with the provost in time to affect FY ’09 planning and to establish a process for review in the future. G. Palermo to include on next agenda with provost; perhaps develop a discussion points draft based upon the July 16 Working Relationship memorandum and the RMM Implementation Schedule Revision 2.
   c) Faculty salaries issue; senate policy on 33%. Brief discussion on the impact of the Senate policy on salaries for faculty performing at expectations, and the leeway that it provides to reward top performers. Sentiment was that we need to be able to do that at the department level. RPA members believe that the larger impact is the percentage anticipated being withheld by the provost, i.e., 33%, to redistribute at the provost level; when coupled with the deans, this leaves very little for the departments and faculty.
   d) Outcomes assessment (Per NASALGIC Voluntary Plan). This will take dollars to implement. How is it to be funded; what is the impact on collegiate budgets for academic programs?

4. Committee Reports Postponed to a future meeting date.

5. Shadow Budget. The FY 2008 Restated Budget is due out imminently. [This ahs since been distributed to the RPA.] The RPA will review with the provost and subsequently as it monitors FY ’09 development.

6. Next meeting:

   Thursday, November 1, 107 LoM, 8-9:00 AM

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7. Fall Schedule
    All meetings are scheduled for one hour: 8:00 – 9:00 AM. Meetings with the provost will be in Beardshear 1550; the other meetings will be in Lab of Mechanics 107
    • Nov 1 (w/ provost)
    • Nov 15
    • Nov 29 (w/ provost)
    • Dec 13 (exam week)

Please forward comments and corrections to G. Palermo

Minutes prepared on behalf of the Council by G. Palermo, chair.