Minutes

Planning and Finance Committee

February 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Senators Present: Aguilar, Bates, Brauer, Crowley, Ingersoll, Judson, Lacy, Lin, Marx, Nagorski, Rafalovitz, Shurhay, Smitley, Winger

Absent: Hoit, Schlatter, Schimmel

-The minutes from our January 25, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Senator Marx speaks about not doing the campus survey this year, but rather next year in light of the *Educating Illinois* survey to be done this month.

* All of committee was in agreement about this decision.

Senator Winger:  Do we restructure our report and would it be useful or problematic?

* Last year we restructured it to be in alignment with *Educating Illinois* because it is the primary guiding document for the University.  The committee sorted its recommended priorities among the four goal areas of *Educating Illinois* last year.

Senator Brauer: Have you talked to executive committee about our questions?

Answer:

* Senator Kalter, President Dietz, former Provost Krejci and Interim Provost Murphy were consulted at length about proposed changes to the committee’s approach to the Institutional Priorities Report.  They all favored the new approach of looking toward more long term priorities.
* This year, we have discussed some possible longer term priorities, such as finding new funding streams, supporting more flexible degree programs (perhaps multidisciplinary), recruitment and retention of students nationally and internationally, and the future development of an engineering program.
* President Dietz has just appointed the *Educating Illinois* group.  They will look for short range goals (1 to 5 years) with an eye on long-range planning.

Senator Rafalovitz brings up priority report that was submitted to president, and he sees that many items that were submitted are being addressed and accomplished.

* In terms of formatting to be in alignment with *Educating Illinois*, our committee realized last year that this is the case.  This is why we spoke of working toward longer range planning.

Senator Nagorsky: What is it that we are actually doing in this committee?

* Senator Marx responded by reading our committee description from the Senate Blue Book and expanded on it.

Senator Crowley suggested that maybe we should shorten the goals and focus on more exact goals and follow through with them.

We need to reduce our long list of items to a more concise list.

* Prioritize our goals
* Create a plan for what we will prioritize each year.
* The suggestion was made to have a four year cycle of focusing on one goal area of *EI* per year, reviewing and updating the previous year’s priorities, and producing a full institutional priorities report each year.

We will have to communicate outside of our meeting electronically and submit our responses because we do not have much time left.

Senator Marx will email committee with a proposal, so we can come to an understanding of what we want on the report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.