Assembly Location: Teleconference

Minutes for the 6-16-2010 meeting were approved.

From Assembly Chair, Daniel Simmons

Final report of Commission on Future will be on Regents’ agenda of their December meeting.

UC to streamline major pre-requisites to ease transfer students: Provost Pitts plans to host faculty meetings in five disciplines across the system. Meetings of math and biology faculty occurred. Other meetings will occur soon. The legislature considers Transfer to be difficult and the major prerequisites are different across campuses. But the real problem is capacity. UC already enrolls more transfer students than by the Master Plan.

Study shows non-competitive for all employee including faculty at UC.

Post-Employment Benefits (PEB): the Regents will vote in December on the proposed contribution rates to pension fund, 3.5% for employees and 7% for employer in July 2011; 5% and 10% in July 2012.

Commission on the Future decisions: continue to explore the creation of online courses through a pilot program; develop plans to increase revenue from indirect cost recovery; ask the Senate to develop a plan for easy transfer process; rename “fees” to “tuition.”

Faculty Salaries: Provost Pitts said that 11-12 Budget had $87 million for salary increases. The campuses were asked for modeling to see if the increases could occur earlier. There is a political concern that on salary increases at the time of an 8% fee. The options are: an across-the-board increase, to raise the salary scales, or allow the Chancellors and EVCs to use the funds for recruitment and retention. Provost Pitts wants to hear from the Senates. The Council resolution is a hybrid of the first two options. It recommends a 2% across-the-board increase (“range adjustment”) in 2010-11 and a subsequent (2011-12) 3% range adjustment, and 2% market adjustment to raise the salary scales. There were discussions.

Strategic Planning for the University: Chair Simmons said that the Special Committee report and the systemwide review response to the Academic Council recommendation to the UC Commission on the Future and the UCLA Statement of UC Values were discussed at Council meeting in November. The Council asked Special Committee to include all of the systemwide responses into its final report. The Council further set a small task force to evaluate the financial impact of the Special Committee’s recommendations. Its report will be ready in late spring for systemwide review.
From Provost

State budget: Incoming governor might cut mid-year budget due to a $6 billion budget gap (latest news: $1.5B cut to education?). UC needs a multi-year strategy.

Re-benching: The President asked the Provost to start the re-benching process to mitigate historic inequities in funding among campuses. Currently, campuses are reimbursed per student according to a baseline amount established in early 1990s, including many factors. Provost will start a committee in January 2011 to discuss principles for state general funds allocation and develop financial models.

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