LTIFS Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2009

Present: Marvin Kaiser, Doug Crow, Melody Rose, Michael McCarthy, Marc Nisenfeld, David Burgess, Hannah Fisher, Dee Wendler, Kevin Reynolds, Angela Wykoff, Mark Wubbold, Cathy Latourette, Michael Fung, Sukhwant Jhaj

Absent: Jackie Balzer, Steve Reder, Jon Uto, Alan Cabelly, Jennifer Williamson

April 15th minutes approved and accepted – minutes will be posted to the website.

Subcommittee report on tuition. Recommendation: the committee needs to thoroughly reconsider the university’s mission and guiding principles in relationship to tuition policy considerations, and other considerations. These goals and principles must be established and outlined before making pragmatic decisions.

The committee needs to look at the growth of the institution in relationship to the mission and delivering service. Enrollment management system also needs to be included.

The subcommittee suggests that these principles need to be applied for long-term discussions and recommendations – guided by the university’s mission.

How does our university strategy guide the mission and reflect our values and mission.

The university is dealing with a short-run tuition issue and LTIFS should focus on the mission and philosophy to guide us in the future.

Principles first and policy will flow from this. Discussion and recommendations need to be monitored against the reality of the situation (growth/access/budget).

Discussion of Open Session (held 4/20/09):
Issues that stood out:
1) self-support (Summer Session and other self-supports programs across campus)
   (report on Summer Session coming)
2) on-line offerings and technology
3) transparency
4) communications and sharing successes and failures
5) curriculum delivery
6) hybrid offerings
7) resource management
8) increased tuition – is there value added for students?
9) look at program in deficit – including Athletics

Discussion about the dichotomy of reacting to situations and problems versus transformational thinking to deal with PSU’s future. Reacting (muddling) versus strategic planning.
Discussion of ideas for the committee to discuss. Committee will prioritize ideas and top three or four will be discussed at the next meeting (need background material). These ideas will then be carried to the next open session for input from the university community.

Curricular decisions are not reviewed against the budget – financial analysis. It would be good for the budget committee team to review those documents.

Committee should look at the university’s leasing costs per years and how we use our current space.

Information requested: Cost of PSU Athletics program. Budget office to provide for next meeting.

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4/22/09