SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING

Minutes for Meeting # 1, September 9, 2014

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Guests:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes from the April 29, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
We need a volunteer to serve on the Facilities Planning Advisory Board. The person must be a University Park faculty member.

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
1. Reports from Administrative Liaisons -
   a. Ford Stryker – not present

   b. Rachel Smith
      -Discussion of state appropriations and hopes for increase
      -Specific initiatives and specific outcomes
      -Economic development and student career success
      -What PSU does for the Commonwealth.

   c. Michael Dooris
      -Teams reviewing unit level strategic plans (48).
      -Preparing for Middle States review
      -first contact this week prior to spring 2015 review
      -University strategic plan
      -continuing and being refined. Goal to have it completed by summer 2015.

   d. Dave Leib – not present
2. Mandated Reports
   a. Space Allocation and Unit Reporting
      - Combine with reporting on indirect costs
      - Work with new research committees and administration to seek clarification
   
   b. Construction
      - Ford will give presentation in Spring 2015.
   
   c. Development and Alumni relations
      - Updates on capital campaign
      - Plans for future capital campaigns
   
   d. University Budget Report – Will be given by Provost Jones in October

3. Priorities
   a. Student Engagement at Campuses
      - Facility use related to student engagement
   
   b. Swing Space Construction report
      - Separate report from usual facility use reports
   
   c. Strategic Planning Themes of the Campuses
      - Ideally by December
      - Best practices and general themes
   
   d. University Strategic Plan
      - Nick Jones invited to meet with committee to discuss
   
   e. General Education Planning
      - Task force continuing
      - Regrouping and refocusing
        - Linking the subgroups in a more cohesive way
        - Evaluating several models underway – strength and weaknesses
        - Implications for University Planning and Faculty Affairs committees

4. General Discussion and Directions
   a. Roger provided overview of committee role and responsibility
      - Finances, facilities, development, etc.
   
   b. Committee
      - How can our committee explore PSU’s value to the Commonwealth
- What is our value? Who is our audience? Opportunities for silo busting?

- Need for a committee statement on our value, utility, movement/directions, etc. Help set strategic course.

c. Invitation of President Barron
   - What is the value of the committee to him and the senior administration?
   - What does the University want from us?

d. Committee representation on University committees
   - Budget, restructuring (Core Council type)

e. Process for communicating with committee
   - ANGEL, email, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Minutes taken by Mark Brennan and revised by Roger Egolf