Notes on the 9/13/11 Chairs/Directors Meeting

Present: Shore, Plice, Salehizadeh, Belch, Lightner, Krentler, Varaiya, Cunningham, Tomic, Williams, and Ballam

Absent: None

The committee convened at 9AM to discuss the following five items: update from Dean Cunningham; faculty development plan; Schedule B; ALI; and commencement planning and reception. Dean Cunningham informed the committee that he is tabulating savings that were accomplished and he would report them in a subsequent meeting. He then reported on his conversations with 3M on its interest to support a “sales” concentration in the CBA. Most likely, the October 4th meeting will be dedicated to the discussion of this issue. Lightner used the opportunity to highlight the need for innovative programs in the CBA, and used the need for accountants with fraud investigation as an example of such a program. Dean Cunningham reminded the committee that the “success fee” is turned down by the Chancellor’s Office. He is working with Central Administration to craft a message to the student body.

Singh informed the committee that this is the time of the year for submitting a faculty development plan. He indicated that the form should be completed and submitted to the chair (as usual). Singh EMPHASIZED the critical need to complete/submit an accurate FDP. Singh also reported that a draft version of the automated Schedule B is completed. Each chair/director has been issued an account, and he/she will “test run” the system and provide feedback for corrective action before it is launched.

Salehizadeh introduced the need once again for a more streamlined process to manage the ALI swarm. Many in the room expressed their frustration with the system. Dean Cunningham will schedule a meeting with Dean Shapiro to create a system which is mutually beneficial. This will involve a continuing dialogue to arrive at the best possible system.

Williams presented the current system for commencement planning and reception (one ceremony at Viejas and individual department reception). She sought feedback and comments. Williams agreed to deliberate on the feedback/comments and propose a plan to the committee in a subsequent meeting.

Lightner used the opportunity to inform the committee of the Accounting Department’s endorsement/sponsorship of the screening of “Carbon Nation.” She encouraged active participation from all.
The meeting was promptly adjourned at 11AM. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 20th from 9-11.

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