

Planning Sub Meet and Confer Notes
October 20, 2011

1. Process for one-time non-base funding: Scott Olson commented on open forums, and Miriam mentioned that it seems we were on the right track. Lynn Akey walked us through the web site and passed out flow chart for the process. Special emphasis placed on process and timeline. November and January are important dates for us. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 18-20. Also look for meeting on Nov. 21st. Feeling among committee is that lots of proposals will come forward. Proposals will come to committee in electronic format, but evaluation process will be paper. Quality of process requires us all to do our work, especially if we use point totals. Cabinet members recusing themselves from voting, they will participate in discussions. For step two, we need to consider knowledge base as criteria.
2. Contract Review Process: list of possible contracts for review attached. North Star Aviation might be a controversial one. Our role is to review RFP/consultation process. This is one of our primary charges.
3. Long Term (Base) Investments: Scott started a discussion about how we should reinvest if we are able to do so. He shared some program reinvestment program metrics for consideration. These metrics work for faculty, but are not right for other units. These metrics also eliminate new ideas or programs, idea about including an environmental scan/ needs assessment might help. Recommendation to include some was for programs to forecast future need and value. Point made that we need to look beyond cost and value and consider both service and connectivity to society. Warren suggested that we remember step three in existing process, the idea of quality. Linear growth sort of managed through staffing process, but new ideas need a different incubator. The impact of Program reductions and maybe reinstatements should be considered system wide. The reinvestment process should be more forward thinking? Plan is to be cautious with reinvestment this year, so we can be on more solid ground next year.
4. Review of strategic plan: on the President's web site, ambitious, and as members of this committee we should be familiar with it. Could this committee advise Cabinet about a couple of big ideas that relate to the five strategic priorities, transformational stuff. By next meeting, we should look at plan, and then we should consider process for identifying best transformational ideas. Also, how do we communicate about strategic priorities to campus...so as not to lose focus. Question/clarification; agenda item #1 is a grass roots process, and item #4 is a big picture approach., Miriam, Scott and Lynn will consider a process, and e-mail group. Maybe for discussion on Nov. 3?