

URC Meeting May 3, 2018

Attendance- Dr. William Spindle, Chris Leach, Richard Ortega, Claire Nolasco, Carroll Adams, Denis Cano, Pru Morris, Sharon Othlot, Jane Mims, Jen Haft, Joanna Benavides-Frankie, Lloyd Butler, Art Olague

Not in Attendance- Dr. Melissa Mahan, Dr. Mike O' Brien Amy Porter, Edward Westermann, Kimberly Nanez, Dennis Elam, Sherita Love, Eric Cooper, Lorrie Webb, Holly Verhasselt,

A. Budget Decisions for FY 2019

Chris Leach led a discussion (see attached URC presentation) about the attached document, Budget Decisions for FY19, dated May 2, 2018, detailing Dr. Matson's FY19 budget decision approval.. It was noted that a new Enrollment Management Division would be organized to strengthen the focus on this area. Additionally the Student Affairs areas known as the Center for Student Success and Early College Credit will move to Academic Affairs. The Budget Decision for FY19 document confirmed the requested budget allocations detailed in the attached March 27, 2018 document, URC Recommendations on FY19 Budget Requests for Presidential Approval. One key point of the discussion was the reiteration of the fact that there will be no cross-the-board merit increase in FY19. The primary reason for this is the legitimate concern that the next legislature will cut special item funding – the heart of our funding for our comprehensive expansion.

B. Special Item Report from Special Item Committee

Bill Spindle discussed the results of the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Ed Formula Funding (see attached Report to the Senate and House of Representatives Letter). Essentially, the results of the Committee were recommendations to the 85th Legislature to continue to study, develop, and implement an outcomes-based funding system. The House letter discussed categorizing non-formula funding categories and to have plans in place for downward expansion-based universities like A&M-SA.

C. Use of Salary Savings

Chris Leach and Lloyd Butler discussed the use of salary savings. Currently, all non-academic salary savings is going into a central fund that will be used for strategic needs of the university. All academic salary savings will be kept in a fund for use by the Provost for academic related expenses.

D. Academic Ratio

Bill Spindle discussed current institutional support ratios throughout the System. We will be taking a deep dive in to the makeup of our institutional support costs in an effort to understand what they are and ensure they are coded properly.

E. Capital Plan

Bill Spindle discussed the proposed next capital projects for the university. The immediate goal is to get the Academic and Administrative Bldg – Phase II approved as a TRB project for FY20.

F. URC Charge & Expectations and FY19 membership

Bill Spindle discussed the attached new URC Charge & Expectations and FY19 membership. He noted that letters of invitation to next year's URC would be sent out this summer with the intention that the new group would start in Aug 2018.