

UEC Minutes
December 9, 2013

Time: 0800

Place: Hadley Hall

Room: 130

DISCUSSION ITEM	OUTCOME	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/ DEPARTMENT	FOLLOW UP ACTION	EXPECTED DATE
I. Call to Order and Opening Comments	President Carruthers opened the meeting and updated the group on the ongoing discussions relative to the HED Funding Formula.			
II. Follow Up Items from 11.18.13.13	Reviewed the follow up items with majority of the discussion on actions underway in preparation of the December BoR Meeting. These discussions included coordination of comments being made by the President and Provost. Also included specific requests for back up material to be provided to President prior to the meeting for his use.			
III. Lottery Update	<p>Bernadette Montoya reported the positions currently under consideration regarding the long term changes that will be presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive appears to favor a 2.75 minimum GPA w/ 15 hours required - One recurring weakness is that no study of the economics accomplished on any proposal - HED must do any study as they have the state data <p>Things remain fairly quite – no major worry out there – meeting with CUP on Friday – gap of \$20+ mill spring semester with reserve balances but HED apparently not willing to use their balances. HED reports that a supplemental request has been submitted</p> <p>What is the NMSU position? –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - need legislature to cover the spring 	<i>Bernadette Montoya</i>	Develop a position paper for NMSU on Lottery for the coming legislative session	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide support and incentivize degree attainment along lines of position taken by ASNMSU - Need access to HED's data so we can do actuarial study to create a solvent lottery fund - Decoupling suggested to break the direct link between scholarship amount and tuition levels <p>BM working on item for Tracy Toon to assist her in understanding timelines for financial aid. Several commented that she is one of best staffers at LFC</p>			
<p>IV. Enrollment Projections Spring 2014</p>	<p>Bernadette briefed the group on projections for Spring 2014 enrollment and the numbers were of sufficient concern to initiate a lengthy and far ranging discussion.</p> <p>Items discussed included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calling campaign underway and how it might be improved - LC undergrad numbers are small but discussion yielded what a large fall commencement we experienced and how that can impact - When asked the prospect of catching up – Judy looking at continuing students – appear to be losing them to other campuses in the state - Need to dig a little deeper as we are still 32 days out this time - Angela cautioned that we must study and understand the impact this will have on budget - Discussion of financial aid strategies followed (perhaps this should be a sub group on the marketing committee) 	<p><i>Dan Howard</i></p>	<p>Develop 4 to 5 things we can implement now to address the apparent decline in spring enrollment numbers</p>	<p>List developed prior to break</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement that this is near the top as the most serious issue we have at NMSU at this time - Not seen as attractive to students in the state (BM thinks a lot of it has to do with the scholarship packages we offer) - Dan asked if we can land top students – PA’s not competitive with UNM top scholarship – Do we give fewer and better? Need is for enrollment and graduation - Admissions met with Tammy Anthony – our financial aid packages do not touch books, housing and meals but they are getting these at other universities - Timing is critical and this needs to be an all out effort - President – nothing else next week but come up with solid plan for managing the enrollment now! - Discussion of possible use of extension service, FFA / 4H - Dan put the right team together to come up with 2 or 3 solid things - AT thinks there are other institutions that have altered their approach to attract their students - Low Grad student stipend makes our institution unattractive - Some commented on lack of a champion for the grad students – don’t know which office to go to when there is a problem <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Need to make an effort to make them feel wanted</p>			

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V. December 10 LFC Meeting	President Carruthers discussed the upcoming LFC hearing scheduled for 10 December. The CUP objectives and plans were reviewed with the group			
VI. VPED / VPR Structure Review	<p>Kevin handed out the report outlining the review of VPED / VPR structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The report looked at vision of ED and peer institutions and best in class - 16 innovative economic prosperity universities were also reviewed as best in class <p>Results show that we are organized in a manner necessary to meet the needs in these areas It is our recommendation that the current structure continue Vision 2020 plan separates research and economic development Dan – one thing missing is that we should emphasize the growth of the Arrowhead center and what it has accomplished – had it not been a standalone it is unlikely that the growth would have occurred</p>	<i>VPR / VPED / Provost</i>	Craft letter to President with recommendation. He will then forward as appropriate	Prior to next UEC
VII. Clear Agenda for the Jan 31 BOR Meeting	Reviewed the agenda and timeline for the December BoR meeting			
VIII. Upcoming Events	Reviewed upcoming events			
Next Meeting : January 13, 2014				

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