University Planning and Budgeting Committee

Minutes of April 28, 2020 Meeting

The meeting convened at 3:32 p.m. via Zoom

UPBC members present: Ann Cudd, Tammeka Banks, Chris Bonneau, Robin Choo, Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob, Jude Hays, Christine Jackson, Robin Kear, John Keeler, John Lyon, Deborah Miller, Emily Murphy, Hari Sastry, Jem Spectar, Andrew Stephany, John Stoner, Kornelia Tancheva, Jean Truman, Franklin Wilson and Chad Zutter.

Also present: Thomas Crawford, Dave DeJong, Valerie Doyle, Richard Henderson, Charles McLaughlin, Cyndee Pelt, Lucy Russell, Paul Supowitz, Nancy Tannery, Kathy Tosh, Thurman Wingrove, and Steve Wisniewski.

UPBC members not present: Ashima Agarwai, Yashar Aucie, William Kory, Arthur Levine and Greg Scott.

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2020 and March 16, 2020 Meeting

The minutes of the February 17 and March 16 meetings were sent to Committee members in advance of the meeting. There were no additions or corrections; the minutes, as circulated, were approved.

Commonwealth Update

Paul Supowitz reported the state is holding off on the budget process due to COVID-19. There is an expectation the Commonwealth will receive more federal funding.

CARES Act

Provost Cudd described the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, part of the federal government stimulus package allocated to higher ed institutions. Pitt received the first portion of the CARES funding totaling $10.6 million and will disburse it to students on all five campuses identified as having the greatest need. This is half of the emergency funding awarded to Pitt. The second part of the funding has not yet been received. Students who received the funds were:

- Undergraduate students receiving a Pell Grant
- Graduate students who would have earned a summer stipend
- Displaced student employees of Pitt's food service providers
- Resident Assistants who lost meal plan access
- Undergraduate students with unmet needs

The Provost told the committee over 11,000 students were allocated this funding.

Parameters Committee Update

Parameters Committee Chair John Keeler told the committee it will be extremely difficult to raise either tuition or compensation this year. The issue will then be, how do we get to a budget without these?

Plans moving forward
Provost Cudd noted normally there would have been a budget vote at this meeting. More information is needed however, and the Parameters Committee and the UPBC will meet in early June to make their recommendations to the Chancellor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46pm