FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

FiPC 18-01

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: September 13, 2018

PRESENT: A. Marmolejo, A. Harrison, A. Pacheco-Vega, E. Acevedo, G. Simon-Cereijido, H. Paul, J.

Momand, J. Li, K. Hackel, L. Asgari, S. Xing, S. Meyer, Y. Song, D. Abou Salem

Excused Absence: M. Wallace

Chair E Acevedo convened the meeting at 9:28 a.m. in ADM. 313.

1. Announcements: None

2. Intent to Raise Questions: None.

- Chair's Report: Chair Acevedo reported that the University received more money than anticipated, so the final budget is not yet known since the University RAAC will have to convene on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 to decide how additional money will be allocated.
- 4. Liaison's Report: Nothing to report.
- 5. Approval of the Minutes (FiPC 17 12): M/s/p (All as approved) K. Hackel, S. Meyer, and D. Abou Salem abstained.
- 6. Approval of the Agenda (FiPC 18 01): M/s/p (S. Meyer) as approved.
- 7. Update on Final Report 2017-18: FiPC members inquired how the FiPC 2017-18 Budgetary Priorities Recommendations were received by the University RAAC. Chair Acevedo reported that these budgetary priorities were all approved by the Exec Committee, and were well received by the University RAAC. FiPC members discussed concerns about Budgetary Priorities, specifically the status of the UAS Director position. Based on the concerns of FiPC members, they recommended scheduling a time certain with L. Chavez (CFO) to discuss the UAS Director position and Funding of Grants and lines of authority; J. Underwood (AVP for Research) to get status report from consultant brought in the summer to discuss funding issues and Research and Development grants. In addition, FiPC members believe that the new UAS Director should report directly to the AVP of Research (J. Underwood). The FiPC members decided on four other specific time certain: N. Wada-Mckee, VP for Student Life, C. Rodriguez, Dean of the Library and J. Dial, VP for University Advancement, and Provost Mahoney.

Chair Acevedo shared concerns raised about the new elevator company that was contracted. When elevators need servicing, the new company comes during the peak of day, whereas the former company would service in the middle of the night to minimize disruption. FiPC members discussed whether the University is providing enough training for students and faculty to understand the new learning management system, Canvas. Chair Acevedo raised a concern about Kanopy, which is a film database available to faculty, students, and staff but per Dean Rodriguez of the Library, the university has a limited subscription that hinders access to this resource. FiPC members recommended a time certain with C. Rodriquez to discuss these issues. Chair Acevedo discussed memo sent from Faculty Affairs that states Faculty are no longer able to donate Faculty Development funds to other faculty members. Instead, funds that are not used after three years will be returned to the faculty's college.

Chair Acevedo also went over the FiPC Charge, Membership and Overall Structure memo; Per the memo, each FiPC members from their respective colleges should also be a representative for their College RAAC to review the following aspects of their respective committee/subcommittee (Committee Charge, Membership, and Current Structure) as these members feedback is due by October 15, 2018. Chair Acevedo met with these members after the FiPC meeting.

- 8. Report to FiPC on Budget Recommendations Process: Tabled for next meeting
- 9. 2018-2019 FiPC Goals: Students raised concerns about the limited food pantry hours, the diversity of Tenure track selections; student orientation; housing; parking; and bathroom showers in the gymnasium. By consensus, FiPC members recommended there should be a student's survey (at the Undergraduate and Graduate level) each year in order to properly identify student concerns that can be followed up with time certain to address these needs. Chair Acevedo will follow up on the email regarding the food pantry. She will also upload the PowerPoint that Octavio Villalpando presented at the Fall Faculty Retreat on student and faculty diversity.
- 10. Adjournment: M/s/p (S. Meyer) adjourned at 10:35 a.m.