University Academic Budget Commission Meeting,
Friday, December 6, 2013, 8:00 a.m., 1510, Ullsvik Hall

☐ Mike Compton (Chair, BILSA 2014)
☒ Les Hollingsworth (BILSA 2015)
☐ Brian Peckham (LAE 2015)
☒ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS 2016)
☐ Vacant (Academic Senate)
☒ Cathy Riedl-Farrey
☒ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)
☒ John-Leonard Berg (KLUB 2014)
☒ Charles Cornett (EMS 2014)
☒ Ray Spoto (LAE 2016)
☐ Vacant (Student Senate)
☐ Rob Cramer
☒ Dominic Barracough (Provost Rep)

Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair Compton unable to attend, Vice Chair Cornett called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2013

Spoto moved to approve the minutes “as corrected,” seconded by Leonard-Berg. Minutes approved.

III. Announcements

The strategic planning committee is requesting a member to represent UABC on the action team to develop an RFP. We will be reviewing various budget models.

IV. Academic Planning Council Report

Nothing to report at this time.

V. New Business

1. Proposed Reorganization of Social Sciences (N. Turner)

Due to the size of the Social Science department (37 personnel across five different disciplines), it is hard to feel cohesive and manage. Proposal is to separate Geography, History, and Social Science into their own departments. They have already been keeping track of the funds; each department would have their own chair with release time of 0.5. This move will double the funding needed (0.75 to 1.5). History in the past used to be a separate department. Discussion ensued about sharing the secretaries/associates and making sure there is enough help from the beginning.

The number of staff per program:

History - 5 tenured and there will be 2 new tenure track next year
Geography - 4 tenured, 1 tenure track, and 1 new tenure track next year
Economics - 2 tenured, and 2 tenure track
Sociology - 1 tenured and 1 tenure track

There would be no concerns regarding DRB. In History they have the largest number of faculty and largest number of academic staff. The concerns from UABC - FTE and is there enough coverage with the three new courses, where will the funding come from for the chairs, and summer compensation for the chairs.

MOTION: Spoto moved to send it back to the Dean for more clarification as to where the money would be coming from, seconded by Hollingsworth. Motion approved.

Requested Turner to forward this information and we will put this on the agenda for the next meeting, which is December 20, 2013.
2. Proposed Department of Health and Human Performance (C. McCabe)
   There will be two changes in annual expenses - will change the department chair stipend and the salary of the associate. This will result in the change the budget by $8,000.00. With the upcoming retirements and position changes, this change in budget would not be an issue. They already have a good financial profile. The DRB we will have to bring in more FT faculty, but will not have problems if the funding in maintained. They have always acted like a department, the number of majors and minors used to be a 90/10 currently it is 50/50. Discussion ensued about teacher education - this is nationally decreasing, but health promotion is increasing. The proposal is to house this department under LAE.

   **MOTION:** Hollingsworth moved to approve the proposal, seconded by Lenard-Berg. Motion approved.

VI. Unfinished Business
   
   1. UABC purpose and Duties
      This discussion will take place at the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting Date Friday, December 20, 2013

VIII. Adjournment

   Vice Chair Cornett adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Abulkhair Masoom, Secretary

Lisa A Merkes-Kress, Recording Secretary