

# University Executive Committee Meeting Notes

May 1, 2014

Members Present: Rollin Richmond, Ken Ayoob, Peg Blake, Forust Ercole, Mary Hackett, Denice Helwig, Alex Hwu, Anna Kircher, Steve Smith, Bob Snyder, Rhea Williamson, Noah Zerbe

Guests: Peggy Metzger, Vikash Lakhani

## President's Report

- President Richmond expressed concern that we may not be focusing enough on including big data education in our curriculum in the sciences and other areas. The group discussed pursuing cluster faculty hires (SDSU has done this) to increase interdisciplinary integration of big data. It was suggested that HSU's new strategic plan include some focus on cluster and interdisciplinary hires.
- President Richmond will continue to be involved in CSUPERB next year and SFSU President Les Wong and San Marcos President Karen Haynes will join the committee. President Haynes will serve as chair of the committee. President Richmond has recommended President Roszbacher also be named to the committee.
- The group discussed the Advancement Foundation's recent decision to invest in environmentally sustainable initiatives to increase our carbon neutral investing and to offset possible investments that are beyond our control in less desirable industries.
- The CSU Council of Presidents recently discussed State University Grants (SUG). The Presidents were asked to present ideas to the Chancellor's Office about changing the way the funds are distributed to the campuses. Various ideas were discussed including allocating funds on FTES, not headcount, basing SUGs on entire cost of attendance including fees and cost of housing, requiring every student to pay something, incentivizing time to degree by charging increased fees 65% of HSU students are eligible for SUGs.
- CSU Northridge has distributed ipads to students and faculty have implemented them into their instruction. This project was centrally planned and quite successful.
- The Chancellor's Office new general counsel discussed required sexual violence training for all new students. HSU is well positioned and, in fact, ahead of the pack on this training.
- The Chancellor will begin a Goodwill Campaign involving sending letters to faculty, staff and students who are doing great things.
- The President attended a HACU meeting for California university presidents. Various grants have already been submitted under our new Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) status.
- The President and Chancellor attended an Agricultural Research Institute board meeting where they encouraged the board to include HSU and CSU MB in the institutions eligible for funding. Chancellor White asked that President Roszbacher be appointed to the board.

### **Provost Search**

The committee is being put together in the next few weeks. The search will begin in Fall 2014 with a permanent provost to begin in Fall 2015. President Rossbacher and President Richmond are working with other CSU presidents to appoint an interim provost for AY 14/15.

### **Environmental Resources Engineering Unit Exemption**

The ERE major has reduced their requirements with some difficulty to meet the CSU required 120 unit cap.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held May 15, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.