Executive Committee Minutes – 4/29/13


1) Approved minutes for March 25, April 1, April 8, and April 22

2) Discussion of forum and faculty reaction to prelude – Began with reviewing of departmental responses to the prelude, was noted that medical school faculty feels that the prelude misses them, this type of discontent with the prelude seems to be pervasive

Discussed general point about impact v. service, idea that impact as it is defined in the prelude misses the boat

Positive reactions to the prelude - a) Some have expressed the view that impact does make sense for evaluating some faculty, b) Was noted that hearing Provost Harris discuss the prelude in general and the concept of impact in particular leaves you feeling more comfortable with the direction of the strategic planning process, committee had a general discussion of how the definition of “impact” has varied over the last two years and how that definition has differed across individuals involved in the strategic planning process

In the committee's meeting with the President and Provost, we should ask what about the goal of the planning process going forward. Should also find out how the strategic plan will be revised/edited over the summer

Discussed whether there needs to be a post-plan forum

Was noted that fund-raising linked to the concept of a “student-centered” university has been successful, makes it somewhat surprising that that is not a central element of the prelude

In meeting with President and Provost will ask for a vote on the final plan and for the release of background documents

Will send Deans of A&S and E both versions of our record of the forum

3) Reviewed details of the workings of the committee, particularly the dual roles of the committee (monitor faculty governance, set agenda for faculty meetings), discussed further the agenda setting role of the committee, spent time on question of how meetings can be forum for discussion and deliberation

4) Choice of chairs and summer liaison – Karen Panetta volunteered to continue on as chair, Richard Eichenberg agreed to serve as summer liaison, committee agreed to choose second co-chair and minute taker in the Fall

5) Annual report – Chairs will work on producing a draft