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Educational Leadership Council

February 22, 2021 Via Zoom, 10:30am-12:00noon

Attendance: Joanna Abdallah, Paul Benson, Connie Bowman, James Brill, Ali Carr-Chellman,

Trevor Collier, Lee Dixon, Deo Eustace, Sean Falkowski, Sharon Gratto, Andrew Horner, Mark Jacobs, Joseph Kozar, SM, Carissa Krane, Leslie Picca, Jason Pierce, Fran Rice, Eddy Rojas, Eric F. Spina, Andy Strauss, Tereza Szeghi, Kathy Webb,

Tom Weckesser

Excused: Mary Ellen Dillon, Sam Dorf, Andrea Seielstad

Jason Pierce opened the meeting with a reflection.

FY '22 Budget Planning

Andy Horner provided the context for the discussion, focusing on longer term financial challenges and sustainability that were addressed in the 'financial roadshow" discussions across campus in the fall and winter of 2019-20. Virginia Dowse, Assistant Vice President and Controller, joined the meeting to provide information regarding the new budget planning process that will be undertaken for FY22. Discussions have also occurred with the Budget Alignment Steering Committee and Deans Council and are scheduled with the All University Leadership Team on 2/24, and with the Budget Officer Leadership Team (BOLT) on 2/26.

The anticipated timeline for the FY22 budget planning process is:

- February 26 kick off with BOLT introduce process, provide templates, give planning assistance
- May 15 Round 1, includes narrative justification for all spending regarded as essential
- June 30 Round 2 feedback from leadership to edit, refine
- August Round 3 1-1 time for further consultation and refinement

The goal is to be ready for approval by the Board of Trustees Executive Committee in August 2021.

ELC was asked to assist informally with communications.

- UD is in a healthy position. The hard decisions needed now will ensure the University continues to remain healthy in the higher education environment for the future.
- A top priority is to return to merit and equity pools at normal levels, barring any unforeseen external challenges this spring and summer.
- Assist with dispelling rumors and responding to inaccurate information.

Other

With no additional topics raised, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41am.