INSTRUCTIONALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES (IRA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 21, 2021   4:00 PM  VIA ZOOM  
MINUTES

Members Present: Duncan Young (Chair), Breanna Holbert, Austin Lapic, Gary Braun, Hope Munro, Dennis O’Connor, and Christine Witt

Members Absent: Jennifer Mendoza

Staff Present: Annabel Grimm, Jennifer Mays, Kendall Ross, and Kim Williams

Staff Absent: Stephen Cummins

Guests: None

I. Call to Order – D. Young called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes -  
   a. 4.14.21 Minutes – Moved by Lapic; seconded by Holbert. Approved 7-0-0.

III. New Business

   a. Action Items – Discussion and vote on Baseline allocations (recommendation to the Provost)

      Members discussed a couple of different Baseline allocation scenarios shown on the Excel worksheet. Scenario 1 shows 19-20 allocation amounts. Staff sent an email to colleges/units asking them to consider whether they would be able to spend the money if they were allocated their 19-20 baselines. Four colleges responded with requests for changes from their 19-20 allocations. Their responses prompted Scenario 2.

      Scenario 2 reflects an increase in funding for the College of ECC and reductions for the Colleges of BSS, HFA, and NSC. These changes are one-time in nature. The 19-20 baseline allocation numbers would be used next year to begin 22-23 allocation discussions.

      Scenario 3 shows a 96.78 percent reduction to all 19-20 baseline allocations in order to reach the preliminary estimated fee revenue of $1,200,000. This represents an even decrease in each group’s baseline funding from 19-20.

      Lapic motioned to approve Scenario 2. Chair Young asked others if they had questions/comments. Discussion continued. Members asked about how colleges came up with their requests. Email responses were varied with some providing detail and others not.
After a thorough discussion, Lapic pulled his original motion and made a new motion to accept Scenario 2 and asked that any leftover funds be allocated out as one-time funds next year; Holbert seconded. Members voted 7-0-0 to recommend Scenario 2 to the Provost for 2021-22 IRA Baseline allocations.

b. Discussion Items – See above

IV. Old Business – None

V. Announcements – Happy Wednesday from Austin. Kendall announced that the campus would offer an in-person campus tree tour on National Arbor Day. They will also be live streaming. The link is on Wildcat Sync. Our campus is a nationally accredited tree museum. Duncan announced that he has invited Kate McCarthy to the next meeting to discuss efforts last year to revise the IRA EM and/or restructure the IRA Advisory Committee under the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. Duncan meets with Kate on Friday and Kate will be at the next IRA meeting for members to find out more and ask questions. Dennis said he was on the subcommittee, and the Academic Senate voted down moving IRA under CFAC.

IV. Adjournment – Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm.