Minutes
Provost Council
June 8, 2016


Excused:  P. Carney, C. Cortilet-Albrecht

The meeting convened at 1:10 p.m.

Dr. Harrington provided a report on behalf of the Chairpersons’ Association. It is meeting weekly. Next week, they will meet with Dr. Carney in regard to graduate advising and for encouraging students to persist. Upcoming training session with advisors is anticipated. Dr. Harrington working to initiate mentoring of freshmen and will address this initiative to the Association.

C. Lucy reported on the financial status of the university. No added FY16 appropriation. No FY17 appropriation. The 20.1 million provided by the State of Illinois in late Spring term is the basis for FY17 budgeting. A deficit is anticipated, other things equal, for FY17, and additional layoffs may be necessary, as well as various spending rationalizations. The projections assume a 28% decline from FY16.

Mr. Lucy also took questions concerning the ongoing property inventory process, which must be completed. A meeting subsequent to Provost Council was to occur in this regard.

A. Henderson reported that a draft of the HLC Assurance filing is coming to university governance groups. The HLC four-year visit will occur in Spring 2017. The recent visiting team in re fiscal exigency gave the university a good report on its activities to maintain operations. A formal HLC report will be forthcoming in several weeks.

A. Henderson noted that a meeting was held with various administrators and faculty from the University of Illinois-Chicago to work on further development of the CSU articulation to their Engineering program. Other efforts include Malcolm X and the College of Pharmacy. Summer and Fall enrollments are down by 34 and 17 percent respectively. Chairs should be trained to utilize the COGNOS software.

A. Henderson asked that deans send end of month summary, metrics, and status report on grants and scholarships secured/provided.

Reminders:
Faculty Reception planned for August 18 at the Presidential Residence
Cut session for Fall 2016 to occur on August 17
Tentative date for Provost Council retreat is July 13
Chairpersons Workshops, August 3-4
June 22 is Provost Council potluck to honor the work of Dr. Arnott-Hill as Interim Assistant Provost.

The meeting concluded 2:46 p.m.

[Revised/corrected by TBR on June 22, 2016]