

Report of the Planning & Operations Committee

November 7, 2000

Present: Marcia Barrett, Carol Donovan, Michael Triche

Absent: Bill Keel, Bill Chaplin

The committee discussed two topics:

Campus Master Plan Update

Marcia Barrett gave an update of proposed projects discussed at the last two meetings of the Campus Master Plan Committee. There is a current proposal under consideration for a recreational vehicle parking lot to be located immediately east of the intersection of Bryce Drive with University Boulevard, along north side of University Boulevard. At the November 6th meeting, the committee passed a resolution calling for the University to find another location for the Game Day RV Park.

There is still concern about other proposed projects' impact on the green space scheduled to be preserved in the east campus in the Campus Master Plan Update 1999. Not shown on the 1999 update are an additional parking lot for the Student Recreation Center and varsity tennis courts. Specifics about the Ambulatory Care Medical Facility have not been disclosed, but the drawing presented to the committee this week showed the medical facility taking a much more significant portion of property than shown in the 1999 update. The Campus Master Plan Committee plans to discuss further the impact of these proposed projects.

ACHE Faculty Workload

The 1996 legislation mandating collection of a faculty workload database reads

The commission, after affording a full opportunity to the two-year and four-year public institutions of higher education and the public to be heard, shall design and establish a state university and college information system, to include an electronic faculty unit record system, in order to provide comprehensive, meaningful, and timely information pertinent to the formulation of decisions and recommendations by the commission and the Legislature. The information, including the data components required by the electronic faculty unit record system submitted by the public institutions of higher education, shall be in comparable terms and shall meet the specific requirements as established by the commission and the reports developed through the system shall conform to the procedures established by the commission.

In order to promote accountability, the commission shall establish a uniform electronic faculty unit record system for the purpose of obtaining information on faculty workloads at two-year and four-year public institutions of higher education in the state. Each two-year and four-year public institution in the state shall report annually to the commission its individual faculty work loads. The commission shall then forward a summary of this information to the Governor and the Legislature and the Chair of the Council of College and University Presidents and the State Board of Education. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize or permit the commission to set standards or establish policies for public institutions of higher education concerning faculty and staff hiring, promotion, or retention. This authority shall rest solely with the governing board of the institution.

The Higher Education Information Advisory Group (HEIAG) is the official advisory committee to ACHE and is charged with submitting the data to ACHE. HEIAG is made up of institutional research staff from 2- and 4-year institutions (there is no representative from UA). They now have a draft data element dictionary in place and are planning to conduct a test pilot in summer 2001. We have a copy of the draft and upon securing permission, will

make it available through the Senate website

Reporting individual workload data will be difficult for higher education institutions and it is not clear what the true intent of the legislation is, nor is it clear how useful such information will be. Faculty have had no input into the process thus far, and we have recommended that an open forum be set up in which faculty will have an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns.