MINUTES

UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON STRATEGIC BUDGETING AND PLANNING

December 1, 2005

PRESENT: Rhonda Arsenault, Dave Beagle, Julia Beamish, Jean Brickey, David Ford, Johanna Hahn, Dixon Hanna, Scott Hurst, Bernie Jortner, Lisa Wilkes

ABSENT: James Hyatt, Lindsey Leisher, Eva Marand, Mark McNamee, Sean O’Keefe, Robin Panneton, Susanna Rinehart, Robert Schubert, Dwight Shelton, David Tegarden, Patrick Washington

GUESTS: Heidi McCoy

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. David Ford, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2005 MINUTES

Dr. Ford announced that the minutes of the October 6, 2005 meeting have been electronically approved and sent to University Council to be posted on the web.

3. UPDATE ON ACADEMIC PLAN

Dr. Ford provided members with an overview of the current status of the academic planning activities. In accordance with the requirements of the Higher Education Restructuring Act, the University submitted six-year enrollment, academic and financial plans to SCHEV on September 30, 2005. Members were provided with the September 30, 2005 letter to SCHEV from James A. Hyatt, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, the six-year enrollment and academic plans, the university’s response to statewide goals, and guidelines for institutional performance.

The enrollment projection reflects increases in both graduate and Virginia undergraduate students. The growth in Virginia undergraduate students is focused primarily on 1,000 transfer students, with an emphasis on community college transfers. An increase of 900 graduate students is also projected. It was noted that the increase in graduate students is not dependent on base adequacy funding.
The narrative academic plan further outlines enrollment projects and presents major upcoming academic initiatives. The academic plan addresses the University’s vision for the future and describes how undergraduate education, graduate education, research and creative scholarship, and outreach and international programs will advance the Commonwealth through 2012 while striving to achieve academic excellence and diversity. The plan includes strategies to accomplish the University’s land grant mission as a part of its overall pursuit of research and outreach activities. The academic plan also restates the academic commitment to the university mission and strategic plan.

The university’s response to statewide goals is divided into 3 biennia, spanning 2006 through 2012. The university addresses each of the “ask” statements required by the Restructuring Act. The response assumes base adequacy funding for salary and enrollment increases.

Finally, the guidelines for assessments of institutional performance were discussed. The guidelines reflect a recommended relationship between the goals of the Restructuring Act and the measures that SCHEV will employ in reaching annual “certification” decisions. The guidelines detail the university’s response to the “ask” statements. University officials will meet with state officials to explain how the University will meet these goals.

4. UPDATE ON RESTRUCTURING ACT – APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Dr. Lisa J. Wilkes, Chief of Staff for the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, provided members with an overview and update on the Restructuring Act. Negotiations for the management agreement began in August 2005 and continued through November. Dr. Wilkes advised that the Management Agreement was approved in November and focused on six main areas: (1) capital outlay, (2) human resources, (3) financial and accounting, (4) information technology (5) procurement and (6) real estate and leasing. The management agreement outlines gained efficiencies; for example, non-general fund capital projects will not require state approvals and the University can obtain only BOV approval and move forward with the project. Additionally, the University will be able to develop its own human resource system. All employees hired on or after July 1, 2006 will fall under the new human resources system, while current employees will have the option to move to this status. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2006 will remain under the current university system unless they opt into the new human resource system that will be developed consistent with the management agreement. The management agreement was submitted to the Governor on November 15, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.