University Resources Policy Committee

Minutes from February 7, 2013, 3:30-5:00 PM, AGAD 128

In Attendance: Richard Johnson-Sheehan (Chair), Kieth Stantz, Bill Krug, Mo Trout, Doug Nelson, Pam Aaltonen, Larry DeBoer, Bill Hutzel, Michael Fosmire, Bill Hoover, Matthew Ohland, Chris Martin, Melissa Johnson,

I. Approval of Minutes from December

II. Request from Mary Gaisbauer and Chris Martin for URPC Representation on Business Process Improvement Faculty/Staff Advisory Group

Mary Gaisbauer, Comptroller, and Chris Martin, Director of Business Managers, asked for faculty volunteers to participate in the Business Process Improvement Faculty/Staff Advisory Group. The purpose of the group is to oversee the operations of business managers, including monetary policies at a variety of levels in the university. They would like faculty members to give them insight and perspective on policy decisions.

III. Review of Purdue University’s Budget by Melissa Johnson, Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning

Melissa Johnson, Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning, reviewed the university budget. She showed how Purdue’s income and expenses balance. She explained where funding comes into the university and where it is used. She was asked whether the proposed trimester would be a money-maker for the university. Johnson answered that the models suggest that it would be. She was also asked whether “incentive-based” budgeting was still a goal. The answer was yes, and that consultants are working on figuring out how to make this kind of budgeting work.

IV. Presentation from BIER Committee by Larry DeBoer, Chair, regarding faculty representation in university budgeting and the number of faculty vs. administration employees.

Larry DeBoer, Chair of the BIER Committee, reviewed the numbers of Purdue employees, highlighting the numbers of faculty compared to administration. He discussed trends and made comparisons with the past and other universities. He mentioned that the University President is taking on issues of administrative costs. He also recommended that the Senate President and Vice President be on the Budgeting Committee. Faculty representation, he said, is important because costs are going to be restricted and that will affect the faculty.

VI. No New Business