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- Summary of the December 5, 2013 Deans’ Forum meeting was approved.
- D. Smith Howell shared information about course fees for 2014-15.
  - Proposed changes are considered minor increases of existing fees.
  - A discussion followed regarding consolidation of fees. B. Reed reminded the group to closely monitor fees to assure efficiency and effectiveness.
- D. Shipp described the need to identify funds to create a budget for orientation.
  - Referenced labor laws that do not allow a heavy reliance on volunteers to lead aspects of orientation.
  - B. Reed proposed a multi-year transition to a new model for funding orientation activities.
- C. Batton provided a summary of the work of the Tuition Remission Task Force Committee.
  - The group has worked to maximize effectiveness of tuition remissions. A copy of the current remissions budget was distributed.
  - Information shared regarding the connection between remissions and an overall financial aid package. B. Reed emphasized the importance of looking at completion rates for students who receive remissions.
  - C. Batton shared projection models for how changes to remissions might impact enrollment patterns.
- P. Morrice provided an update regarding enrollment.
  - Communication regarding enrollment of graduate and undergraduate students are now being distributed together.
  - Table of Organization Chart reflecting the current and reorganized office assignments/roles was distributed.
    - The new name of the Office of Financial Aid will be Financial Support and Scholarships.
    - M. Lee announced the addition of Marty Haybrook as new Director of Financial Support and Scholarships.
- M. Lee provided information and statistics related to students admitted by review (ABR).
  - Applications from students with deficiencies are reviewed individually.
    - The percentage of students who are admitted under the ABR process does not exceed the 25% guideline.
- B. Reed discussed a forthcoming draft of a comprehensive academic plan derived from plans submitted previously by each college.
- Everyone was encouraged to attend and send representation to the Strategic Planning Events to be held on February 28 and May 12.
- D. Smith-Howell provided an update for S. Woods regarding the construction completion and selection of occupants for the Community Engagement Center.