December 8, 2011
Approved Minutes

Attending: Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, Judith-Ann Friedman for Bob Sprague, Fran Leonard, John Oester, Betsy Regalado, Yvonne Simone for Adrienne Foster, Rebecca Tillberg

Absent Members: Jo Ann Haywood, Durrell Levy, Olga Shewfelt

1. Fran Leonard called the special meeting of College Council Executive to order at 2:30 pm.

2. VP Priority List – Fran distributed the VP Priority List. The prioritizing process is based on the spring 2010 program reviews and the resource requests resulting from those. VP Betsy Regalado of Student Services, John Oester of Administrative Services, and Judith-Ann Friedman for Bob Sprague of Academic Affairs shared how they arrived at the process of prioritizing the list. It’s important to note that this list is for the 2011-12 fiscal year, not for next year.

President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh first spoke about the fact that the list had gone to the previous day’s Budget Committee meeting as an informational item rather than an action item, thereby delaying action on these prioritized items. Because of the timing, some items are already in this year’s budget, including item #1 -- the Online Library Subscriptions.

One member of the Budget Committee had said that the college cannot afford to increase the 2012-13 deficit by the amount indicated on the list. Another member had expressed support for item #7 -- one-time only Physics Equipment -- and suggested an amount larger than what was indicated on the list for this year. Another had advocated an increasing need for #4 – the research analyst, which had appeared in three previous program review/unit planning reports.

The president shared his concerns with the Executive College Council that only the three VP’s are looking at and prioritizing the list. He has been speaking with others about developing another process to provide an opportunity for committees and other college groups to weigh in on and engage in dialogue regarding the process. He would like to see the process improved with consultation and input from groups such as the Planning Committee. Since the list has already been finalized and it is too late to implement a new process, the president stated he will act now on the current list.

The president asked College Council Executive to support the current VP Priority List so he can move forward with it.

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A motion was made to endorse the current VP Priority List. College Council Executive members present voted unanimously to endorse the list.

**Recommendation:** The College Council Executive Committee endorses the current VP Priority List.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.