Government Relations Committee
Notes
Thursday, October 24th, 1:30pm-2:30pm
Faculty Staff Club

Present: Jarrett Hines-Kay, Susan McKinsey, Matt Munoz, Joanne Kuestner, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Kathy Turner, Mary Clark
Excused: Renee Delgado –Riley, Juan Larranaga

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Approval of Minutes (Next Month they will be in right SC format)

III. Introductions/Recap
   a. Kathy Turner read the minutes that were e-mailed to recap. Then we approved the minutes.

   a) Bridge scholarship reproctions. UNM ani- 1st generation and LUCK – united latin has backed off. Not done to discriminate but to succeed. Letter to the editor Equitiy and inclution for bla blas. Monday jounal writes valuable. KOAT angry with Ariana’s opinions. We have a least 20 success programs for 1st generation, non-urban, difficult in high school, vets, parents

IV. Review of Legislative Priorities & RPSPs
   a. Changes to Bridge scholarship reviewed and discussed:
      I. New provisions to go into effect Fall 2014.
         • Award up 500.00 to 1500.00.
         • 3.0 GPA
         • 23 ACT score min.
         • New program available called Success Grant only requires 2.5 GPA (this may go up 2015) and give $1,000.

   b. Lottery Scholarship Discussion:
      I. 15 credit hours minimum and 27.5 GPA as discussed by the Task force. They also discussed changes for CNM? Matt said unclear
whether it was brought up for a vote for 2 year and 4 year 
proportionate schools.

II. Mary suggested they will have to start the lottery discussion in 
committee? Matt said Yes the House in Education. Then Finance then 
floor. Last year the bill died in House

III. Everyone agreed that we should try to be there when the issue comes 
up.

IV. The 3 student summit (sept 14th) narrowed down the ? to 3 semester

V. What should we stand for in the Lottery debate?
   • We want solvency. We want a Fix.
   • More in favor in front loading than back loading.

VI. We need to get freshman and Sophomores through with support to 
increase success and graduation.

VII. 50% of our FIT undergrads are on lottery

c. **Senator Sanchez keep asking where is the other money**
   I. BLM auctioned off land in ABQ, Hobbs, and ?. They want to buy from 
the feds to put on new land for new funds for education.
   II. WE cannot raid tobacco settlement and Gov’er says no new taxes.
   III. Not a lot of options for new taxes
   IV. When the budget comes up all the state employees will be there! 100 
million dollars available. We still don’t know about special education 
from the feds may be 40 mil. Loss of tobacco money.

d. **Tuition state takes tax credit discussion:**
   I. (Mary “really a tax”) Cut ING 5% because we are told to raise tuition 
5%. John Arthur Smith said that the increase is really a product of the 
“tuition credit.” Creative accounting from the NM legislature.
   II. Mary said around the country increases are due to lack of research 
funds.
   III. 2008 102 mil last year 170mil tax credit.
IV. We want them to know that we know that the tuition credit is a tax.”
And so does the UNM president so he will stand behind us.

V. **Review of Compensation Plan** – Mary this is garibaldi gook maybe you can make sense of what was discussed here. Kathy

a. Staff council resolution needs to be used as our “elevator speech.”

I. What is the process and procedure for resolutions?

- Mary presented it to the regents
- Staff council pres sits as a voting member. And Staff.
- WE say we asking the legislature. –
- Pre 65 health plan, scare them remind them they are not going away.
- President Frank will go to the regents for staff. He has said it many times.

b. Mary told us that the Faculty government relations committee has different issue because of different retirement option. Funding formula is there?,

c. Jose Garcia, priority. Language from last year. CUP (counsel of University Presidents.) President Frank maintains that there should be three formulas, on 2yr.(credit) on research and one for comprehensive 4 yr no research.

d. Keep us together. Legislature – give us money to grad rate course completion Stem and ?? 5% and tuition. January the 24 and Feb 20th at noon

VI. **Finalize November-February Meeting Schedule**

- Meet November 21, 2013, which is the 3rd Thursday of the month and not the 4th Thursday we normally meet due to Thanksgiving
  - On Mark's calendar it states that he will be at the next Staff Council. However there may be Nov. Hearing budget hearing may conflict – meeting today
- Not meet in December
- Use January and February to attend the legislative session
  - Feb 5th? UNM day. Alumni Feb 4th reception.
• We can do an email meeting in early January about logistics and coordination of travel to and from Santa Fe
  • When we go Matt says when you get up there give me a call. He suggested “Come to the Basketball game.” Kathy suggested “can we cheer lead?”
• Once the schedule comes out, we should determine, which days would be most beneficial
  • We all agreed

b. Council of University Presidents has a council. Dr. Lopez Chair 2 years branch group and Independents (CMN) Comprehensive Highland .....  

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 21st, 2013