

Executive Council Minutes

April 3, 2019

Present: Karla Hughes, Alex Becker, Peggy Doss, Moses Goldman, Linda Rushing, Bob Ware, Jeff Weaver, Christy Pace

1. Budget

A projected budget summary was provided. Various options were discussed concerning revenue/expenses and tuition/fees.

2. Enrollment

An update on enrollment was provided, noting that work is being done to find out how to use our data to get a more accurate projection. We will begin tracking applications and admitted students weekly. On April 8, the enrollment portion of EAB will launch, which is expected to reach 25,000-28,000 students through direct marketing. The Scholarship Committee is beginning to look at more options to provide for students.

3. VISTA Grant

The three-year AmeriCorp grant will provide UAM with four VISTA's, who will be housed on campus. During the first year, it will be more about planning. In the second year of the grant, the VISTA's will be placed in selected high schools to create relationships, beginning with sophomore students, to help them figure out their goals, and what they need to accomplish before finishing high school. This will also help break down barriers before our recruiters make it into the high schools.

4. Board of Visitors

The next Board of Visitors meeting will be Thursday, April 25 at the McGehee campus. Items that will be placed on the agenda were discussed.

5. Legislative Update

April 12 is still a target date for adjournment. Updates were discussed on specific bills.

6. Residency Policies

A handout was provided on a summary of residency policies for other campuses. Discussion will take place on whether we should consider making changes our policy.

7. Faculty Senate/Staff Senate

If the process of forming a faculty senate moves forward, there will need to be a discussion of organizing a staff senate. As a reminder, the Assembly is the recognized governance by the Board of Trustees.

8. Strategic Plan Summary

Vice Chancellors were asked to review the information emailed to them regarding the University's overall strategic plan initiatives, which is needed for the HLC report.