Student Success/Academic Programs/Campus Identity Subcommittee June 25, 2018 Notes

Present: Mike Griffin, Chair; Rick Piccolo; and Dr. Tonjua Williams

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Griffin called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. and welcomed members.

II. Approval of May 16 Meeting Notes

Members reviewed May 16 Meeting Notes and approved them as presented.

III. New Business — Information Items

a. Hearing Framework

Chair Griffin walked through hearing overview (draft) for feedback and discussed four major legislative focus areas for the subcommittee with a focus on student success as the foundation while not impacting compliance with SACS or designation of a preeminent university.

Chair Griffin noted there would be three hearings on each campus with the timeline intended to provide a baseline of higher education and USF environment at the first hearing. The subcommittee will work from a higher level down to the specific USF System information including individual campuses. Later hearings will provide more clarity into the campus identity and specific areas for recommendations.

Chair Griffin asked for input on the overview, timeline and speakers. There was discussion regarding timeline of when the individual campuses will provide input. Ms. Beles Geers noted that the second and third hearings would delve further into the specific programs, campus and community needs. The first hearing is designed to inform members as to the current USF practices so that the members can use that foundation to move into discussing more specifics. Chair Griffin noted that at the July hearing, representatives from each campus will be present.

Some concerns were raised regarding recruitment and retention. It was noted that much of this process will involve overlap between subcommittees and that another subcommittee is covering student access and will bring information as they learn it to the entire Task Force during regularly scheduled meetings.

Chair Griffin reviewed the flow of the hearing including the portion on public comment. Public comment is available at each hearing, at town halls and online.

Dr. Williams asked what Student Success means to USF. Ms. Beles Geers noted she will forward the Student Success presentation from the Student Access Subcommittee to all members of the subcommittee. The goal is to ensure that we have a culture of student success at USF and that every student admitted will succeed. Chair Griffin noted that it includes success beyond USF – valuable degrees but also setting them up for success in employment and future endeavors.

Chair Griffin noted that there is flexibility in future speakers and specific topics.

Peter Stokes, in response to the question regarding campus input, the town halls will allow for additional input by those communities.

b. Public Comment Update

See above.

c. Questions/Data Requests

Chair Griffin asked for any questions or data requests. The members noted they would have more requests as they move through the hearing process.

d. Open Discussion

Chair Griffin opened the floor to the members. Dr. Williams asked for the next step after the hearing. Ms. Beles Geers provided that recommendations will be building as the hearings move along.

Members discussed having one-on-one discussions. Information was provided regarding holding as much of the conversations as possible in the public arena and sharing information with other committee members to ensure full disclosure.

Mr. Stokes provided that as Huron is working with the internal USF BOT CAP and workgroups, they will circulate relevant information as needed to Task Force Subcommittees. He delivered an overview of the internal work, including six subcommittees, supporting the implementation of the consolidation process. This information will be reviewed in more depth on Friday on the full Task Force call.

IV. Adjournment

With no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.