In Attendance: Lauren Adamson, J L Albert, Robert Moore, Fenwick Huss, Steve Kaminshine, Gwen Benson (in for Randy Kamphaus), Susan Kelley, Mary Finn, Robin Morris, Tammy Sugarman (in for Nancy Seamans), Tim Renick, Robert Sattelmeyer, Ron Henry, Chair

Visitors: Mark Becker

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of April 15, 2009 have been approved.

President’s Update

President Becker announced the following:

1) Having just attended the Promotion & Tenure reception, Dr. Becker reiterated how thoroughly impressed he was and that the University’s criterion was upheld with each candidate. It’s incumbent upon the candidate to make their case and for those that were promoted and tenure, they earned it. For those that received a negative, it wasn’t a matter of a single external letter raising a red flag, but rather a theme of negative issues raised by all the external reviewers.

2) In terms of the budget, funding projects are still on the line at the state capitol. Dr. Becker, along with Jim Flowers & Tom Lewis (external affairs), will be making a trip to make sure these get funding for Fiscal Year 2010.

3) Commencement is fast approaching. The faculty awards reception will take place Friday, May 8th, and the PhD Hooding Ceremony will take place on the morning of May 9th with the commencement for undergraduates following at 2:00 pm.

Enrollment

The 2009 academic year has seen a 6% increase in enrollment from last year. Graduation numbers are well ahead from last year. It is expected that we will be over our target of 15,000 student enrollment in the summer semester. Quality continues to remain high for incoming freshman for the fall semester of 2009. There are 14,000 students registered so far. SAT scores are tracking 11 points higher than last year.

Alternative Work Schedule

A new guideline was drafted and discussed at the President's staff meeting on April 28, 2009. The guideline establishes alternative work schedules within the departments/units in the university. Alternative work schedules may include, but are not limited to, compressed workweeks or flex scheduling. The guidelines will be tried on a temporary basis this summer. An alternative work schedule will be decided by the supervisor, with the approval of the appropriate Vice President or Dean, and will be consistent with University and department practices. The draft plan moves forward to Administrative Council where it will need to be reviewed and approved.

Budget Update and discussion on cost cutting strategies

Since further conversations regarding the budget cuts with the President have not happened, there isn’t any new news. At this point, we have learned that the RPG initiatives for next year were left in the budget. The provost has not come to a decision on how to allocate the funds but has decided that the supplemental instruction will be permanently funded. He will likely ask for a review of each proposal to see which ones
worked and which didn’t.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2009 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Golden Key Board Room, 2nd floor, Student Center.