Budget Model Working Group
Chapman Hall – Regents Room
May 16, 2013
8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Meeting Notes:

Present: Swarnjit Arora, Jerry Tarrer, Autumn Anfang, Jacques du Plessis, Sherry Goggans, Mark Harris, Jennifer Jordan, Cindy Kluge, Gwat Yong Lie, Tom Luljak, Devendra Misra, Janet Padway, Patrice Petro, Joan Prince, Charles Schuster, Kurt Svoboda, Habibollah Tabatabal, Joey Zafra (15)

Not Present: Joan Aguado-Ware, Asif Ashiqali, Patricia Borger, Michael Brondino, James Cook, Liam Callanan, Susan Fontana, Chukuka Enwemeka, Paul Fischer, Andy Geiger, Bob Greenstreet, Randy Holper, Geoff Hurtado, Rebecca Klaper, Kathleen Koch, Joyce Latham, Irma Michelle Lopez Rios, Sally Lundeen, Timothy Smunt, Rodney Swain, Cindy Walker, Don Weill (21)

Framework for addressing Budget Model “Issues”

Jerry Tarrer began the meeting with a brief discussion regarding the work the Budget Model Support Team has been engaged in since the last BMWG meeting. The Proposed Framework for Addressing UWM’s Resource Allocation “Issues”/Concerns chart was distributed (see attachment). Jerry reminded the group of the decision to address 4 of the original 6 categories (model features, more resource funding, incentives & governance), and set aside 2 of the categories (technical & drivers).

The proposed Framework organizes the 4 remaining categories according to the following structure: governance and model features remain separate categories for consideration while more resources and incentives are combined into a new broader category entitled “Targeted Resource Allocation” to which is added a new item, “Investments”. See the attached chart for graphical representation of the framework.

There was a request to clarify the meaning of the “Governance” category. One proposed explanation was that “Governance” represents how to build acceptance and get campus to understand and use the Budget Model. The support team agreed to work on a proposed definition for the Governance category.
Targeted Resource Allocation

The next phase of the meeting involved the BMWG members brainstorming ways in which the model might allocate resources to 7 areas identified by group as priority concerns through the use of direct base funding increases, incentives or short-term funding investments.

The responses were captured and Sherry Goggans will transcribe and distribute them via email within the next few days.

Goldstein visit in June

The BMWG goal is to identify UWM’s top resource allocation issues/concerns prior to Mr. Goldstein’s visit in June. The group has agreed that, in principle, these “top” issues/concerns will come from the “Targeted Resource Allocation” category mentioned above. In discussion about Mr. Goldstein’s visit, members of the group considered asking the consultant in which ways, given his experience and knowledge, he might approach allocating resources to our priority areas by making incremental adjustments to our current resource allocation model. The support team agreed to continue to work with the BMWG via email in determining if the current list of 7 priority areas (see footnote) should be narrowed, better defined, or modified in any other way in preparation for Mr. Goldstein’s visit.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 a.m.

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1 In the April 19th meeting of the BMWG, the group reviewed the data collected during the campus listening sessions and identified (collectively) what the group believes are the top issues - 1) Faculty Research, 2) Inter and Multi-disciplinary Activities, 3) Student Recruitment, Retention & Success Efforts, 4) Innovation and Creativity, 5) Graduate Students, 6) Infrastructure Needs and 7) Faculty/Staff Compensation.