The members of the Adams State University President’s Executive Council convened in a regular meeting on March 3, 2014 in room 315E, Porter Hall.

Call to Order: President Svaldi called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Attendance:
- Carol Guerrero-Murphy – Present
- Heather Heersink – Present
- Lori Laske – Present
- Tammy Lopez – Present
- Bill Mansheim – Present
- Ken Marquez – Present
- Larry Mortensen – Present
- Michael Mumper – Present
- Frank Novotny – Present
- Tracy Rogers – Present
- David Svaldi – Present
- Julie Waechter – Excused
- James Trujillo – Present

Guest(s): None

Approval of Summary

The February 17, 2014 meeting summary was approved by consent.

Agenda Items

RMAC Indoor Track and Field Championship

Larry Mortensen, Director of Athletics, gave a brief update on the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Indoor Track and Field Championship that was held on campus this past weekend. He was very pleased to report that it was very well attended, and that Adams State set a new RMAC Indoor Track and Field Championship record.

Richardson Hall Appreciation Luncheon

James Trujillo, Executive Assistant to the President/Board of Trustees, reminded Council of the Richardson Hall Appreciation Luncheon that is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at noon in the Student Union Building. 123 people RSVP’d for the luncheon including all of the Department of Computing Services, and 25 people from the Department of Facilities Services. Mr. Trujillo asked that all that are attending arrive 5-10 minutes early to check-in and find their seats. Dr. Svaldi and Bill Mansheim, Vice President for Finance and Governmental Relations, will say a few words at the beginning of the event.
Adams State University Women's Week

Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Professor of English and CIELO representative, informed Council that Adams State University will be celebrating "Women's Week", March 3-7, 2014. Sociology student Tori Vigil, organized the week's events, including a luncheon, films, lectures, presentations, etc. Dr. Guerrero-Murphy encouraged Council to attend as many events as possible.

CFO Update/Funding Model

Bill Mansheim, Vice President for Finance and Governmental Relations, informed Council that he met with the Speaker of the House regarding a new higher education funding model being proposed. Currently, the governor is recommending an 11% increase in higher education operating expense, (Senate Bill 1), which is to be divided proportionately across all institutions. The new proposed model would cap institutions at different amounts that range from 7% at CU, 10% for ASU, and 16% to Metro and Western on the high end. Adams State's stand on the new proposal would be to support the policy behind the speaker's model, but the amount allocated to each component of the model needs more research and development.

Additionally, Vice President Mansheim reported that the JBC analyst is proposing to eliminate the merit based funding requested by the Governor and move it to need-based funding.

Student Fee Proposal

Council discussed the proposed student fee at length, including concerns of lack of overall student body representation regarding the proposal. The proposed fee would be used to generate funds to support the Rex Activity Center. Various suggestions/options were discussed including vacancy savings funds, change in the student fee in the summer to match that of regular session, a $1 per credit hour charge per semester, increasing exempt staff charges to a year-round fee, etc.

Council discussed possible negative impacts for summer enrollment if student fee is increased, and where exactly the funds would go if the proposal was passed. No action was taken, however discussion will continue at the next budget meeting in hopes of reaching a decision.

Concurrent Enrollment

Frank Novotny, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported that he and Dr. Mumper, Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management and Program Development, met with administration from the Alamosa School District to continue discussions on how to encourage Alamosa High School students to take concurrent courses at Adams State University. He reported that the meeting was very encouraging and discussions will continue. Council then discussed at length issues related to concurrent and dual enrollment, advanced placement courses, etc. No action was taken.
Personnel Contract Recommendations

Tracy Rogers, Human Resources Director, and Bill Mansheim, Vice President for Finance and Governmental Relations, presented Personnel Contract Recommendations from the Department of Facilities Services, the Counseling and Career Center, School of Business, and the Department of Extended Studies. After extensive review of the requests, including funding sources, Council unanimously agreed to approve the requests as presented except for the Department of Facilities Services, and the Counseling and Career Center requests, which will be brought to the next Budget Team meeting for further discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.