Institutional Planning Council

Minutes

March 22, 2006

Attendees: Jay Simmons, Linda McMullen, Greg McClanahan, Sarah Beth Mallory, David Ahearn, Kim Myrick, Tanner Garrard, Tina Whatley, David Rowe, Maranah Sauter, Phyllis Whitney, Kim Barber, Linda Buchanan, Sally AsKew and Stuart Gulley.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Gulley.

Charles Thompson presented to the IPC the status of the LaGrange College at Albany program, especially the implications of increasing the BA in organizational leadership to 120 credit hours and the addition of a Master’s degree in Organizational Leadership. Discussion afterward centered on whether there should be a different tuition structure for the graduate program from the undergraduate program, and the capacity for the growth of the Albany program once the Master’s program is in place. Kim Myrick agreed to work with Charles Thompson and Jason Goodner on the question of graduate tuition, as well as to plot the implications for space for the increased courses required in the undergraduate program, with an eye to understanding the growth possibilities for the Albany campus. Attachment A contains the full report given by Dr. Thompson.

Jay Simmons presented a thoughtful and comprehensive report on benchmark institutions and the definition of “premier.” See Attachment B for Dr. Simmons’ presentation. Discussion after the presentation focused on whether Hanover and Centre Colleges should be added to the list, and adding a chart for SAT score comparisons. Jay agreed to provide this additional information, using the aid of Cynthia Logan. The group, generally, agreed with Jay’s definition of premier, although there was the discussion of whether an improvement of student characteristics should be a stated part of the definition, especially SAT scores. We agreed that we would continue the discussion at our next meeting, after also having the opportunity to see how our current SAT scores stack up against the proposed benchmark institutions.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the IPC would have the following items on the agenda: benchmark institutions and definition of premier, enrollment status report, and update on evening college planning.

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Gulley