MEMORANDUM

To: ASC Members

From: Larry Buchholtz

Date: April 22, 2014

Subject: Notes from March 20, 2014 ASC Meeting

Members present via teleconference: Matt Petry, Lindy Paskett, Ron Laher, Carol Hoglund, Jayne Myrick, Herry Andrews, Marty Kelsey, Sheldon Flom, Lynnde Colling, Karen Burtis, Larry Buchholtz, Claire Smith and Nancy Morton. There was no Executive Council representation.

Agenda Item 1: Budget

- Matt started the meeting by going over the spreadsheets that summarize the commission budgets for the 15/16 biennium and explained that we will be asking the commission to approve these budgets during their meeting on 31 March in Powell. Matt went on to provide an estimate of how much each college would be receiving in FY15 and that the amounts will change in FY16 depending on commission approval of rules and individual college completion rates and volumes for academic year 2014.

Agenda Item 2: Rules

- Matt continued the conversation by giving an overview of what changes were made in rules that the commission would be considering during their March meeting. Changes included agreed upon modifications to the funding allocation model, ramping up the percentage of variable costs attributed to a completion performance metric by 5% per year through FY17 and the apportionment of that funding to be calculated using 33% completion rates and 67% completion volumes. There were also changes related to recent legislation for Vets residency and capital construction and major maintenance. Lastly, there was consolidation of repeated language within the sections for WYIN, TSLRP and WAPLR, which reduced the volume of our rules by 4 pages, keeping in line with the Governor’s mandate to reduce the volume of rules. Matt asked if there were additional discussion items related to the handbook AICM published and to which the VP’s had responded to asking for clarification. Carol informed the group that although there was a response from AICM regarding the questions they asked, a new draft of the handbook had not been received. Since the issue of funding requests still hadn’t been addressed, Larry said he will contact AICM again and request guidance.

Agenda Item 3: Capital Construction
Matt asked the members to remember an earlier conversation regarding inclusion of college outreach locations within the CapCon model. During the ranking process for BFY15/16, there was a project submitted by CWC for a facility in Jackson, and because that location was not included in the model for purposes of scoring a project, the Jackson project only received scores in a few of the 13 capital measures. We can include all of the outreach locations in the model, but it will require desegregation of historical combined enrollment and staffing numbers already in the model so dynamically scored measures are accurate, which will take some work on the part of each campus to accomplish. There was discussion on what affect including outreach locations will have on project scoring, such as lower scores for several measures because both enrollment and staff headcounts are taken away from the main campus location, the possibility that an outreach location could be scored higher than a main campus location and the political implications of that happening, among other factors. A decision was tabled until the next ASC meeting.

Agenda Item 4: College Data Warehouse Funding

Matt shared with the group a recent decision that allows the commission to carryover approx. $800K of BFY13 funds from the ACS upgrade project into BFY15 for a data warehouse solution. As time has passed, there are better and more affordable tools available since the legislature appropriated money to the upgrade, but it will take longer than the end of the biennium to study the options and have the CIO’s make a decision on which tool to purchase.

Agenda Item 5: Next ASC Meeting/Teleconference

- April 17 Teleconference, 3:00 to 4:30