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I didn't anticipate the level of interest there appears to be in **the University Budget Advisory Committee's recommendations about two aspects of the new Budget Allocation Model**. If I had, I wouldn't have saved it for this compilation of things that have occurred since my last report.

**UBAC recommended that the basis for calculating enrollments and SCH for the purpose of allocating tuition dollars would be a three year rolling average.** That would, if adopted by the BAM Executive Committee (chancellor, VCAF and provost), smooth out ups and downs of enrollments, making it less likely that large cuts (or additional revenues) in the amount going to a given college would happen in any given year. The argument in favor of using just the most recent year is that growing programs would get the revenues to support that growth with just a one-year lag.

**The second issue was the allocation of graduate revenue.** Should the basis of that allocation be headcount (programs with more active students get larger shares) or student credit hours (programs that deliver more student credit hours get bigger shares). Students in some degree programs take fewer credits per semester. Students in other programs take more. Some programs require more credit hours to complete than others. There was no consensus as to what the best approach would be, but after several failed motions, **UBAC passed a recommendation that headcount and SCH be weighted equally.**

At Wednesday's Town Hall, the chancellor announced that **a team consisting of Harper Johnson**, our chief information officer, **and Seth Porter**, the dean of the Kraemer Family Library, **would be pulling together the work of earlier committees and consulting with various constituencies to identify possible paths forward on online education at UCCS.** The campus will also begin a search for an Executive Director of Online (or Digital, I didn't quite catch it for certain) Education.

The chancellor also indicated that **the cabinet will be making a decision on masking on March 1.** He more recently told me he expects the announcement to be made that day, as well. I want to point out that **there is no consensus on what our next steps should be.** The discussion at Faculty Representative Assembly two weeks ago made it clear that **some faculty members are anxiously awaiting being able to meet and teach in person without masks. Other faculty members remain opposed to dropping masks at this point**, especially in classrooms. Others were less certain, but still had concerns. I came away most persuaded by **those who argued we should be especially careful to protect the most vulnerable faculty, staff and students among us.** That applies whether they are individually immunocompromised or are caregivers to unvaccinated small children, elderly relatives or those who have active medical conditions that make them vulnerable. What I can say is that **I believe the cabinet, and the chancellor, have made every effort to hear and consider all those viewpoints.** Theirs is not an easy task.

The chancellor also shared with me that we will assess where we are again around April 1.

Take care of each other,



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