The A2E2 Advisory Committee met for the second time Fall 2018 semesters. Rafael Hernandez (Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Administration) provided information on spending patterns for A2E2 allocated funds noting that monies were not being fully used. Moving to semesters, this has the potential to be compounded as there is now one fewer opportunities to spend. As these are student fees collected on a semester basis, they need ideally to be spent in the year they are collected. Typically, requests exceed the available funds, but as some funds go unspent there is capacity to extend the proposals initially recommended.

The application process was also discussed with Associate Provost Hernandez providing an overview of what he feels would simplify the process and place the spending of the funds within colleges where needs are clearly known. One single call for all three funding categories (EIRA, ECL, IREE) was suggested with proposals brief but clearly identifying how the funds would be used. Other ideas included the call going out to colleges for them to disseminate to departments (moving away from individual faculty applications). As students need to be involved in the allocation of A2E2 funds the college would need to develop a mechanism to get their input. Colleges could decide how to rank proposals and how to seek department input. One proposal would be submitted to the A2E2 committee reflecting the total request for the college. The A2E2 committee would review these proposals and make recommendations to the Provost.

Other areas discussed were developing an outcomes-based assessment process for the use of allocated funds. Outcomes would need to be measurable and aligned with student success. The committee was asked to review the application process and identify ways to streamline both the process of application and the reporting of how allocated funds were used and the impact on student success.

The intent is to have the call go out early February. Rafael will provide the committee with a draft of a revised application form for review and comment via email. A meeting will likely be called for late January to finalize the call.

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