Brief Status Update  
June 22, 2011

What Huron Has Done So Far

- **Strategic Sourcing**
  - Huron conducted a detailed analytical review of our purchases within four primary commodity areas (IT Hardware, Office Supplies, Scientific Supplies, and Maintenance/Repair Supplies) to identify some quick-win cost savings.
  - By renegotiating contracts with our primary vendors in these areas and creating and enforcing policies around purchasing behaviors for true commodity products, they estimate that we could save between $3 and $5 million annually, with additional signing bonuses available up-front.
  - Huron focused its efforts around those commodity areas where we have, or will likely receive, flexibility to negotiate our own contracts, but also provided us guidance as to the opportunities available if we had full authority in this area.
  - Huron presented its findings to both the Advisory and Steering Committees.

- **Information Technology**
  - Huron is completing an in-depth study of information technology, which includes both the DOIT organization as well as the delivery of IT services across campus.
  - Huron’s review is focusing on three primary drivers of potential change: (1) the identification of cost savings through reduction of duplicate services/capabilities; (2) a re-evaluation of the campus-wide funding model and chargeback model within DOIT to create better incentives for procuring IT services; and (3) establishing a clearer governance model.
  - Huron will be presenting its information technology findings to the Advisory Committee on July 7th.

- **Functional Area Assessments**
  - Huron conducted a four-week functional area assessment of Facilities & Space Utilization to identify opportunities to reduce costs, improve customer service, and mitigate risk within the Facilities function.
  - Huron presented their ideas to the Advisory Committee last week, but conversation around the main topical areas was tabled until the Advisory Committee meeting on July 21st so that the group could digest the information.
  - Starting next week, Huron will begin a similar assessment of Research Administration.

- **Public Authority**
  - Huron helped to plan for the possibility of public authority changes until it became clear that these flexibilities would not pass through the legislature.
  - Huron’s work in this area has been helpful in cataloging the potential benefits of increased flexibility that we can use with the state and system to suggest changes moving forward.

Where Huron is Going Next

- Huron is starting an in-depth review of Business Services, which will last approximately 8 weeks.