President’s Session – President Mun Choi

President Choi joined to discuss topics of importance to the IFC, to hear updates and concerns from each university and to share updates on university initiatives and priorities. Topics included but were not limited to enrollment trends among Missouri public institutions, student success metrics, state and federal funding for higher education, system-level leadership changes, and the Carnegie classifications of the four universities.

Information Technology Assessment – Phil Goldstein and Mary Beth Baker, Next Generation Leadership Partners (NGLP)

NGLP co-founders Goldstein and Baker requested feedback from the IFC on IT services and operations across the four universities, and insight into the values faculty want to see in the next UM Vice President for Information Technology. IFC members provided extensive feedback to the consultants, which included but was not limited to how user feedback is generated, streamlining authentication and approval of commonly used software, and initiating an end-user approach when vetting new systemwide software or applications.

Faculty Analytics Governance Structure – Susan Halsted, UM System myVITA Coordinator

myVITA Coordinator Halsted discussed efforts to develop a new governance structure for faculty analytics tools, such as myVITA and Academic Analytics, that will include more faculty input to assist in identifying issues and to guide the decision-making process. IFC members shared feedback regarding existing tools and processes and provided input on how to ensure the governance structure operates most effectively.

Reflections and Wrap Up

Chair McCaulley adjourned the meeting. The Cabinet’s next meeting will be in January 2023.