

**Budget Planning Council Meeting
March 13, 2009
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon
Baker Center 235**

In Attendance: Joe McLaughlin, Bill Decatur, Jeff Fulk, Chuck McWeeney, Hugh Sherman, Dennis Irwin, Peter Wickman, David Thomas, Kent Smith, Brenda Noftz, Sergio Lopez, Michael Adeyanju

Absent: Kathy Krendl, Betty Sindelar, Ann Tickamyer

Staff: John Day, Katie Quaranta, Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings, Marjorie Mora, Dawn Weiser, John Demmler, Diane Lucas, Craig Cornell

Guests: Deb Benton, David Descutner for Kathy Krendl

Goals of Meeting:

- Provide Budget Process Updates
- Receive Recommendations from the Student Fee Committee

I. Budget Process Updates

- OU SSI formula calculation resulted in 4% increase for FY10 and .71% for FY11; in line with the amount budgeted for FY10
 - IUC CFOs have been discussing outcomes of the formula and await additional information regarding 'stop-loss' and the information from Regents regarding the method used to calculate the allocations
 - Campus allocations vary – OSU (6%), Toledo (8.5%), and Cincinnati (11%) have large increases – while Shawnee and Youngstown will experience losses
 - These details reflect the budget as introduced by the Governor; changes may be made in the House and/or Senate versions of the bill that will impact the current estimate
 - Additional details available on Board of Regents web-site
- Budget submissions have been received by BPA from units and goal is to review and provide feedback to the units early next week following discussions among the President, Exec. Vice President & Provost, and Senior Vice President meet

II. Student Fee Committee

- a. Overview of Committee's Process – Deb Benton, co-chair
 - Process began November 25 with memo from Budget office and guidance from the fee committee (BPA web-site includes these details <http://www.ohio.edu/finance/bpa/StudentFee.cfm>)
 - Members include representatives from the student body and academic units, and is co-chaired by the Registrar and Bursar
 - Units given a Feb 1 deadline to submit requests to fee committee – detailed budgets were requested by committee – looked at detailed material costs

- Have been meeting regularly to arrive at the recommendations presented today and engaged with planning units to ensure understanding of proposals
- Fees are primarily related to consumable supplies – a good-faith effort was made to make sure that cost-shifting was controlled – there are times when previously provided consumables can no longer be provided and costs get passed on

b. Presentation of Committee Recommendations

- Recommendations –
 - 2 fees not recommended for approval; all other requests for new fees or increases recommended by committee
 - ART fees show more than 100% increase in many instances – fees have not gone up for 10 years in many cases – in these cases the purchasing of the supplies in bulk for the students represents significant savings for those students
 - The 3 Aviation class fees presented represent costs for operation of aircraft and instructors who are paid from the fees also
 - REC fees – new ones for classes planning larger scale trips and instead of collecting at the time of the trip are adding into the upfront charge which is better for student from a planning standpoint
 - A member asked why the Fine Arts Tech Fee for graduate students is 50% more than undergrads? Undergraduate tuition includes \$35 to support technology-related expenses; graduate tuition does not. The \$25 additional for graduates was determined based on looking at total costs for graduate students. Fine Arts has not had a college based tech fee since the inception of the tech fee charges and due to this the dean described the technology status in the college as poor.
 - SUGGESTION - Next year we should ask whether the fee being requested is for required courses versus elective courses/activities
 - What is the current revenue from these fees vs projected? This information will be prepared and provided to BPC members.
 - Parking fees increased – have not increased in over 10 years; there were comparables with other campuses to show OU fees were still in the lower quadrant

c. Review Next Steps

- Student senates would like to take back to constituents
- Need to vote on these fee changes next week at BPC so that they can be taken to the April meeting
- all fees will be taken to Board in April; room and board meeting occurring today for presentation at next BPC

III. Update on Decisions

- No decisions on health care
- Negotiations are ongoing with Holzer
- No decisions have been made on academic reorganizations

IV. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 20, 2009, 10:00 – NOON, Baker 235