

Budget Planning Council Meeting Agenda
March 20, 2009
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon
Baker Center 235

In Attendance: Bill Decatur, Jeff Fulk, Kathy Krendl, Dennis Irwin, David Thomas, Michael Adeyanju, Kent Smith, Peter Wickman, Sergio Lopez, Ann Tickamyer, Brenda Noftz, Betty Sindelar

Absent: Joe McLaughlin, Chuck McWeeney, Hugh Sherman

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

Guests: Terry Conry, Steve Flaherty, Christine Sheets

Goals of Meeting:

- Continue Discussion of Student Fee Committee Recommendations
- Discuss Other Recent Requests
- Review Room & Board Rates
- Provide Budget Process Updates

I. Student Fee Committee

a. Continue Review of Committee Recommendations

Committee Recommends Approval of:

- 62 new course fees on Athens campus
- 91 increases in course fees on Athens campus
- 24 new course fees on Southern campus (Equine Studies)
- 7 increases in course fees on Chillicothe, Southern, Zanesville campus (NURS)
- 1 new course fee on Zanesville campus (White-water rafting)
- 2 increases in course fees on Zanesville campus (Snow skiing)
- 2 new Other fees (College of Fine Arts Technology fee grad/undergrad)
- 6 increases in Other fees

Committee Recommends not Approving:

- 1 Lancaster campus security fee
- 1 Linguistics copying/printing fee

a. Develop BPC Recommendation

- GSS feels that they can't endorse any of the student fees that impact graduate students – feel this is cost shifting to graduate students in direct violation of the principles adopted for fee requests last fall
 - some historical perspective was shared on the evolution of course fees – long history in the College of Fine Arts for 'usage' fees
 - course fees have historically been for consumables/materials of the specific course
- GSS challenges that the state's directive to hold tuition and fees constant is violated by increasing other student fees such as course fees – Bill shared that

the tuition cap language only applies to 'uniformly charged' undergraduate fees – some of our Ohio peers are raising grad fees and we are not

- Differential tuition for grad programs – this was discussed during the development of the fees for FY10 – needs further study - differential charges are viewed as the way to go to fully inform students of the costs of the education / major they choose
- Parking fees for students were challenged when there is currently no fee being charged to faculty and staff
 - GSS rep stated that the proposal to raise parking fees did not go through a parking committee she sits on – it was later determined that this is the Appeals committee and fee increases would not be taken up there
 - proposed is a \$3 increase -> \$9K impact
 - if approved this would be the first parking increase in over 10 years
 - we will have to deal with parking fees for faculty and staff in the future in order to deal with the issue of lot maintenance
- In general, Student Senate challenges the increase in the fees during a time of depressed economy, families having greater difficulty in paying for higher education, and the issue of retaining students through graduation
- GSS challenged some charges where there are technology advances that could cut cost of duplicating course material by using Blackboard more efficiently

MOTION to reject all fees that deal with graduate students – Peter moved, motion fails for lack of second

MOTION to request that the student fee committee pursue electronic or digital alternatives to printing course pack fees in the future - Peter Wickman moved, David Thomas 2nd, 12 approve, motion approved

- Xeroxing of materials when delivering material electronically or via Blackboard is the primary objection – Geology and Social Work courses.
- There may be an underlying requirement for hard copy to satisfy curriculum delivery
- General guidance for the future is to encourage and enforce the use of Blackboard which is the university supported technology solution; have the fee committee operate from that premise in their future reviews

MOTION to not increase student parking fees for FY10 – Dr. Kent Smith moved, Michael Adeyanju 2nd, 6 approve, 3 against, 3 abstentions, motion approved

- Discussion that costs should be shared with all users of the service...we had taken parking fees for faculty and staff off the table for FY10.

MOTION to approve regional campus fees, aviation fees, fees that involve cadavers, and course pack fees – Michael Adeyanju moved, Dr. Kent Smith 2nd, 9 approve, 1 against, 2 abstentions, motion approved

MOTION to approve the balance of the fees recommended for approval but not previously approved, Bill Decatur moved, Ann Tickamyer 2nd, 9 approve, 2 against, 1 abstention, motion approved

- Student senate supports fees that represent 'pass-through' fees – such as those at the regional campuses. Materials fees charges are in dispute due to a sense that more conservation can and should be achieved
- We need to be careful in the committee not to dictate pedagogy to academic units – who they should teach there classes and what materials or method of 'sharing ' should be employed

II. Other Fees

- a. Bursar Office Collecting Fees Authorized by Planning Unit Head – there are several other fees that will be coming forward for review
- b. Review at Next BPC Meeting

III. Tuition Rates

- a. MFE Program Rates – offered on the Pickerington campus, executive program, market pricing comparisons shown
- b. College of Medicine – 5% increase

MOTION to approve the MFE and College of Medicine proposed rates – Dennis Irwin moved, Kent Smith 2nd, 11 approve, 1 abstention, motion approved

IV. Room & Board Rates

- a. Review Proposal
 - Proposal handed out and reviewed by Christine Sheets; some examples of cost cutting and realignment include Bromley Hall dining closing down, realigned capital projects due to size...pushing Bush Hall ahead of Jeff Hall, determining another funding source for Gateway Scholarships of \$750,000 one-time funding for 26+ ACTs → this cost will be built into FY11 budget planning for general fund
 - Housing proforma for FY10 includes \$2.625M one-time support to assist in solving the structural deficit in fund balance
 - 7% room and 3% board for ~ 5% combined increase
 - Other IUC rate room and board increases are in the 4-6% range per IUC CFO discussions – our combined increase is right in the middle of the state range
 - Tuition flat and room and board consistent among peers so we will maintain our ranking of 3-4 highest combined rate in state
 - Room and board rates will be discussed and approved at the April board meeting
- b. Develop BPC Recommendation

MOTION to approve room and board rates as presented – Dennis Irwin moved, Michael Adeyanju 2nd, 11 approve, 1 abstention, motion approved

V. Budget Updates

- a. Review Final Decisions regarding Healthcare Benefits
 - Sergio reported on the recommendation that he forwarded from the FutureOU website – Dr. McDavis removed the premium increases from the BPC proposal and therefore eliminated BPCs recommendation to have a portion of benefits increases be borne by all
 - The health benefits recommendation was approved by BPC and then forwarded to the President and Faculty Senate; Faculty Senate considers

that the President acted out of turn since Faculty Senate did not provide BPC with approval of the recommendation – after further discussion it was determined that BPC does not require Faculty Senate approval and performed its duty moving the recommendation forward to the President

b. Other Updates

VI. Next Scheduled Meeting: April 3, 2009, 10:00-noon, Baker 235