

Budget Planning Council Meeting Agenda
May 1, 2009
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon
Baker Center 235

In Attendance: Jeff Fulk, Kathy Krendl, Kent Smith, Ann Tickamyser, Betty Sindelar, Brenda Noftz, Joe McLaughlin, Hugh Sherman, Peter Wickman, David Thomas, Sergio Lopez, Michael Adeyanju

Absent: Bill Decatur, Chuck McWeeney, Dennis Irwin

Staff: John Day, Katie Quaranta, Marjorie Mora, Dawn Weiser, Becky Watts, Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings

Guests: Steve Flaherty, Chauncey Jackson – Student Fee Committee representative

- I. General Fee Report & Recommendations – Chauncey Jackson introduced – he served as the Chair of the General Fee Committee this year
 - a. Presentation from Student General Fee Committee
 - 2 different rankings were contained in the report – 1) a ranking of the priority units and those that should be protected – those rankings are in the Summary of Recommendations; 2) the Recommendations for Reallocations of the \$700K one-time money from Student Affairs
 - described the criteria that students used in prioritizing recommendations for reallocations
 - Chauncey described some of the committees priorities:
 - looked at the division of Student Affairs and favored that unit based on their cuts and use of general fees
 - looked at Campus Recreation and considered the students’ desire to not see ‘pay to play’ so some of one-time funding foregone by Student Affairs is recommended to be shifted to Campus Recreation
 - Marching Band received one-time funds to continue attendance at MAC games and tournament events
 - Disability Services received some additional one-time funding
 - \$700K reduction in the Student Affairs budget is only one-time so these recommendations are one-time
 - Process timeline was compressed - late start due to committee being formed late in the process
 - Committee spent Spring Break analyzing requests; recommendation that students get identified for Student Fee committee prior to the start of the academic year – this year they were not identified until January, 2009 for this recommendation cycle
 - There was no time to have all units present to the committee but if questions arose, those units were contacted or Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings was used as a resource. Most recommendations were unanimous.

David Thomas made a motion to accept the report from the General Fee Committee; Kent Smith 2nd; discussion ensued.

- Kent commented that he has one comment about the students' recommendation to establish a \$150,000 reserve for Student Affairs specifically for Student Health Services in the event of unexpected enrollment fluctuations that would impact the Wellbeing plan. Kent recommends revising the recommendation to \$100,000 and provide an additional \$50,000 toward the Student Activities Commission (SAC). Question was raised about whether the additional \$50,000 going to SAC would have been the committee's priority. Peter Wickman, committee member, weighed in that Kent's recommendations would have carried considerable weight with the committee.
- Consensus made to approve the student's recommendations but wait until Fall enrollments are known and then free the reserve for other uses
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An amendment was made to the motion that the VP for Student Affairs consult with the committee on the handling of the reserve in the next year. Amendment was approved by David and Kent; motion was unanimously approved.

Rebecca shared that the next step in the development of the General Fee recommendation includes the opportunity for the VP for Student Affairs to comment on the student recommendation. Kent indicated that, in addition to communication with the students, he would share his recommendation regarding the Student Activities Commission. Once the President has an opportunity to review the recommendations from the Student General Fee Committee, the BPC and the VP for Student Affairs, he will make final determination regarding the General Fee budget.

- II. Rebecca shared with the committee an analysis of the General Fee units and the exemptions to reach their budget reduction targets.
- III. Next Steps – update budget proforma by General Fund and General Fee; a summary of the added base budget expenditures will be developed

Joe McLaughlin would like to resurrect the discussion of how to handle the managerial reserve. Both Faculty Senate and Classified Senate would like to revisit the topic – Administrative Senate has not discussed this yet. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

The committee would like to continue the Educational Benefits discussion – committee would like to see a one page analysis showing the current state, proposed state, and any cost savings or impacts. Discussion can occur once a proposal is presented – possibly by end of May. A consolidated document will be crafted from the materials previously shared.

- IV. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** May 15, 2009, 10 – noon, Baker 235