

Meeting Minutes

Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Committee (AABAC)

October 17, 2006, 1:00-3:00 PM, Sue Jameson Room

Meeting Organizer: Cynthia Jowers

Vice Provost Blackshire-Belay convened the meeting and allowed AVP Apolloni to begin with Agenda Item #3 because he had to leave early.

Agenda Item 3. University Planning Steering Committee (UPSC) External Support Subcommittee – Objective #3

Owner: Tony Apolloni

Apolloni walked everyone through his handout “Initiative 1 – A Recommended Approach for Increasing Faculty and Staff Involvement in Grants: The Faculty Incentive Grant Program.” SSU’s strategic planning process has identified increasing external support as a priority. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) proposes the creation of a Faculty Incentive Grant Program (FIGP) to provide support for grant activity. This conceptual model is based on a thorough review of what works at other universities. It still needs FSSP’s review, but he would appreciate feedback.

Committee member comments: What about including three-year contract lecturers? What about adding alignment to the academic departments to the selection criteria? Shouldn’t the selection criteria be elastic? We do not want to stifle.

Committee member comments: Couldn’t we continue to discuss initiatives from UPSC? Example: Academic Programs.

Agenda Item 1. 06-07 Revenue Allocation Plan

Owner: Katie Pierce

Pierce presented a plan to apply 05-06 year-end balances to the continuing growth enrollment shortfall as a second year, one-time patch. Documents projected are available on the Academic Resources web page.

Committee member comments: Concern about patching on top of patches, and fears we’ll forget that we need to find a solution and add it permanently to the base. It was the consensus of the committee to take this off the top of the university’s growth funding, instead of something else. Please take this recommendation to the Provost.

Pierce presented the 06-07 revenue and allocation plan, recapping from previous meetings and specifically drawing attention to changes relating to the proposal for academic support to the Library and the one-time change in accounting practice.

Committee member comments: Supported the new item for funds to the Library.

Agenda Item 2. FTES Targets and Funding Redistribution

Owner: Katie Pierce

Pierce presented the target and funding distribution worksheet. The document includes our Academic Affairs FTES actual for Fall 2006 and the predicted Spring FTES achievements. She pointed out that more FTES than predicted must be generated to achieve the annualized target. Through discussion it became apparent that because some schools underachieved target, redistribution of funding for Spring 2007 would be necessary but challenging. Schools that overachieved Fall target, and thus carried the university toward annualized target, would receive marginally less for their “over target FTES.” This presents a significant fiscal challenge for those schools.

Committee member comments: Will the growth money follow the growth? Are we being penalized for overachieving to help meet the university target? The committee appreciated seeing this process.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia Jowers.