

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Subject:

Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting Organizer:

Cynthia Jowers

Start Date:

3/27/2007

Start Time:

1:00 PM

Location:

Sue Jameson Room

End Date:

3/27/2007

End Time:

3:00 PM

Agenda Items

1 (Carry-over item) Five-year Projections Discussion

Owner:

Katie Pierce

Progress:

Completed

Notes

The spreadsheets presented are posted on the Academic Resources web page. The Provost and AVP also presented them to the Academic Planning Committee (APC). The first layer of budget is to cover instruction, but there are other elements still requiring funding that need to be worked on. Between not laying off permanent employees and budget cuts, we've gotten into an instructional growth funding gap, and we are trying to gradually work this off with growth.

Committee member comments: I appreciate this work, but we are structurally under funded and we can't continue this way. I don't know if we can grow our way out of this. Everything is based on legislative priorities. How can the CSU do budget projections even with a compact? Is there any plan for equipment across the schools? Not just computers.

2 National Fundraising Proposal Discussion

Owner:

Eduardo Ochoa

Progress:

Completed

Notes

This is an early information item. The GMC project construction got started with a pledge from donors. Dan Lanahan has put together a plan to build goodwill among pledge donors so they will turn pledges into donations. He proposes that we use a national stage for naming opportunities by hiring a firm that has these contacts and track record. The firm would raise and cover their contract costs, but there does need to be a front of campus money to get the contract. SSU has done a great job of raising money for the money spent, but we have to reach higher and it's labor intensive.

3 Grants and Contracts IDC Discussion

Owner:

Eduardo Ochoa

Progress:

Completed

Notes

Ochoa referred to the handout dated March 19, 2007, titled "Grants and Contracts Approval

Procedures" that went out to all faculty and Extended Cabinet from Provost Ochoa and VP Furukawa-Schlereth. The problems lately have been (1) growth in contracts with low IDC; (2) working capital; (3) pro-rata charges by the State for post-retirement health benefits. All of these problems led to irregularities in CIHS. There is closer scrutiny of grants and contracts by the State and Federal Governments in the push for transparency and accountability in the post-Enron era.

We have to develop a mechanism to track all costs to the campus and be deliberate about whether to subsidize some grants and contracts.

VP Furukawa-Schlereth has brought in KPMG to make recommendations. He will follow up with a specific formula with IDC at approximately 20%. The difference in IDC and subsidy will go to the whole University budget. This is a stop gap until we have consultation with faculty governance.

Committee member comments: Recommended that wide consultation take place to develop the formula. Should the University subsidize development so richly versus grant development? Hope we can be thorough about calculating the work done in the Schools to support contract and grant activity.
