

Meeting Minutes
Academic Affairs Budget Advisory Committee (AABAC)
September 26, 2006, 1:00-3:00 PM, Sue Jameson Room

Meeting Organizer: Cynthia Jowers

Provost Ochoa convened the meeting. As background to the committee's work, the Provost explained that budgetary matters require consultation but are not subject to joint decision making. AABAC is advisory to the Provost. The Provost handed out "HEERA Title 5 and BOT orders.doc" and added that he welcomes meaningful input to the agenda--items that will help him be a better CAO.

Committee member comments: A few members expressed disappointment that items they wanted on the agenda were not included.

The Provost explained that he and his staff need time to prepare for requested agenda items so they can be considered in a way that generates useful counsel.

Committee member comments: Consultation versus decision making is not a black and white issue; it's an attempt to stifle discussion. You can't separate budgetary matters from curricular matters.

Agenda Item 1. 2006-2007 Growth Revenue and Allocation Plan
Owner: Katie Pierce

Pierce referred to year-end balance materials presented at the President's Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC). The amount reported for Academic Affairs significantly exceeded last year's closing balance due to a one-time change in accounting practice. Adjusting for that change, Academic Affairs brought forward approximately \$ 350K less than last year. Documents projected are available on the Academic Resources web page.

Committee member comments: A member asked about faculty travel money and the Provost explained that rather than centralize or decentralize all travel funds (exception of C.O.'s mandated RSCAP money) we still need to know where the money is going for planning. We need to develop a calendar for university awards to inform schools and departments. The schools' travel budgets are decentralized—they all look differently and are funded in different ways.

Ochoa added that we are looking at the schools who exceeded target and those who didn't meet their target to allocate the resources efficiently and by pattern of student demand.

Due to time, the Provost deferred Agenda Item 2, and moved to Agenda Item 3.

Agenda Item 3. Information about IDC

Owner: Tony Apolloni

Apolloni referred to his handout. SSU's indirect revenue (IDC) is not currently enough to cover all of the administrative costs. Working capital is the reason we are in the red and it began last year. We have a high IDC rate compared to the CSU and a high volume of grants and contracts, so we should have enough money to cover the costs.

Prepared by Cynthia Jowers.