

Minutes of Budget Council Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2011
Tigert Hall, Room 202
1:00 PM

Attendance:

Susan Sinnott
Brian Harfe
Alex Berkovich
Paul Mueller
Regina Bussing
Matt Fajack

Guests:

Beverly Sensbach, Associate Director, Florida Museum of Natural History
Doug Jones, Director, Florida Museum of Natural History
Mark Rieger, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The meeting started at 1 pm

1. Minutes approved from previous meeting
2. Doug Jones (Director of the Florida Museum of Natural History) spoke about the impact of RCM on interdisciplinary activities of his faculty. In his opinion, RCM runs against the spirit of collaborating. There is no "formal" mechanism in place to provide "credit" for museum faculty teaching in other colleges. Currently, he is happy with the informal arrangement in place with other Deans at UF (he called these arrangement "mutually beneficial") but he worries what might happen when either he, or a Dean leaves. There is no mechanism in place for the Museum to increase their bottom line within the current RCM model since no SCHs are awarded to the Museums.
3. Mark Rieger (CALs, Associate Dean) spoke about the impact of RCM in his college. He was concerned with colleges pulling out of interdisciplinary programs because they currently do not receive "credit" for participating. He point out the SRNE program and potentially even new programs, for example the Marine Science Program, are being hurt by the inability to share RCM dollars based on the amount of effort/faculty participate in the program. Dr. Rieger suggested that the Ohio State model in which money is divided based on a "head count basis" be looked into. He strongly indicated that these issues need to be fixed since national funding agencies (for example, NSF) encourage interdisciplinary applications.
4. A general discussion on the potential implications of UF self-insuring was discussed by the committee members.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm