

**Budget Council Meeting  
Minutes  
November 2, 2012  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Tigert 202**

**Attendance:**

Marc Heft, Sue Alvers, Paul Mueller, Matt Fajack, Brian Harfe, Alexander Berkovich, and Florin Curta

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Minutes from August were approved.

**Steering Committee Update – Marc Heft**

- Cheri Brodeur, Chair for Faculty Senate, put together an adhoc committee made up of representatives of the colleges to work in IT issues.
- Open Access policy was presented to the steering committee, however, it was tabled because the members want more time to review.
- Andy McCollough gave a short explanation as to what he plans to present at the November Faculty Senate meeting. His presentation will consist of where UF is now and what opportunities are available for elearning. Currently the University has 80 online programs.
  - The state is looking into creating its 13<sup>th</sup> university which will be all online.
  - The university is investigating MOOCs and has joined Coursera
- Enterprise systems created a new tool to help principle investigators. This is a website setup like a bank account where the principle investigator can check the status of the funding left on his/her grant. This information is up to date.
  - Paul Mueller explained that Enterprise Systems has been working with the Research and Scholarship Council on the new tool. There is also a new grants supporting software available for the investigators use called CAYUSE. This software interfaces with research.org.

**Budget Council issues for 2012-2013 – Brian Harfe**

Brian reviewed issues that were assigned to the council.

- RCM and interdisciplinary – The deans seem to be working this out on their own. The Council decided not to work on it this year
- White Paper on RCM – This might be useful for the new president. The Council decided to table for a while.
- Hiring tenure vs hiring lecturers. Deans are making these decisions.
- Hiring post-docs instead of graduate students. Council will monitor the outcome of Ben Dunn's committee report.
- Should we take all graduate students off-book or just out of state graduate students? Matt Fajack will return with information.
- The Great Reserve Debate – Faculty seem to think that we have loads of money. The council decided to write a one page summary explaining why the "reserves" are really not just sitting in the bank.

**Paying Foreign Visitors on Time – Brian Harfe**

- Neta Pulvermacher has asked the council to investigate the problem of paying foreign visitors. Many times with all the red tape and paperwork, the faculty member has to give the visitor funds out of his/her own pocket. Neta could not attend today's meeting, so discussion will be postponed. Florin Curta and Alex Berkovich both voiced agreement with problems in paying foreign visitors. They stated that the paperwork and red tape are from state and federal regulations. Florin is not sure it can be corrected.

**Budget Update – Matt Fajack**

- Not much has changed since last meeting. The state's revenue estimate has increased.
- Currently sales tax revenue is up with Medicaid leveling off.
- Governor Scott does not want to increase tuition.
- The three percent lawsuit is through with hearings, but there has been no ruling.

The council adjourned at 3:27 p.m.