

Budget Council Meeting
Minutes
April 13, 2012
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Tigert 202

Attendance:

Marc Heft, Sue Alvers, Paul Mueller, Susan Sinnott, Matt Fajack, Brian Harfe, Alexander Berkovich, Curtis Reynolds, Regina Bussing

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. Minutes from March were approved. Marc noted that this is the last meeting of the academic year.

Steering Committee Update

Marc reported on the last steering committee meeting.

- Scott explained to the Steering Committee that there will be a meeting with Governor Scott on April 12 about the “preeminence bill”. UF and FSU have pushed for autonomy for universities that achieve certain benchmarks have more latitude to compete nationally.
- Joe Glover agreed to provide the RCM update at the April Faculty Senate meeting. Fifteen percent tuition increase will be approved by BOT before forwarding to the BOT.
- Kathy Long gave an update on FEO allocations. The funding has been approximately \$2M per year which is down a bit from before.
- Welfare Council is continuing discussion about self-insurance and is meeting with Jodi Gentry on Friday, April 6 to discuss the communications effort.
- SCORS has started discussing issues about recording lectures. Barbara Wingo mentioned that there is a need to establish policies to address this issue.
- Scott asked that the Budget Council take up the issue of externally funded investigators who have completed DROP, continuing with their grant but not drawing a salary before six month separation from university.

Budget

A long discussion ensued with Matt Fajack noting that all the deans now have their budgets. Medicine and Vet Med are taking an extraordinary cut. The state also plans to cut its contribution to those in the ORP by 2.28%.

Deans Survey of RCM Impact

Marc has heard from 14 of the 16 deans. Marc distributed a draft summary report and asked the members to please review over the next week and email their suggestions.

The council adjourned at 2:35 p.m.