

Budget Council Minutes

March 15, 2019

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2:00 p.m.

Attendees

Present: Serdar Kirli, Norb Dunkel, Meera Sitharam, Laurie Bialosky, Jay Watkins, George Kolb, Renee Goodrich, Mei-Fang Lan, and Keith Schneider.

Call to Order

Budget Council Chair, Kirli Serdar, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Introduction of Council Members and Liaisons

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

The March 15, 2019 minutes were approved.

Student Affairs

Norb Dunkel, Associate VP for Student Affairs

Assistant VP Dunkel addressed the following general inquiry from Budget Council: what are the principles/method by which funds from various funding sources including student fees, are allocated to various units under the purview of Student Affairs, particularly since during this academic year, Budget Council has been concerned primarily with E&G, grants and other revenues and allocations (and has made a [financial transparency portal for central support units](#), colleges and departments and related documents available to the faculty)?

Norb provided an overview of the Division of Student Affairs funding and shared an organizational chart which contains twelve separate departments, including the newly added/combined J. Wayne Reitz Union and the David & Wanda Brown Center for Leadership & Service, which is now combined w. Student Affairs. There is a recently hired, new Asst. VP for student engagement. Student Affairs represents about 4 million square feet of buildings across campus.

-An effort has been made to coordinate multiple segments of student affairs, including: assessment and research; marketing and fundraising; information technology; and business and personnel practices.

-This department has four primary pools of funds: state support, auxiliary funds, feed funded, and foundation money. These total an approximately \$115 million budget and about 16 million is in housing.

-The areas which operate within each of these budgets auxiliary funds were reviewed. \$16.49 is paid per credit hour (in the A&S process) and over \$20 million is collected and then distributed at the prerogative/choice of the student body. A&S fees, health fees, and athletic fees make up the local fees.

-There has not been a rate increase in campus housing rental fees, activity and service fees, or health fees in four years.

-Factors affecting key budget considerations were discussed including information technology and building equipment life cycles and replacement costs.

-Utilities are a primary expense for the housing units.

Chair's Report

Steering Committee updates were provided by council chair including:

-Welfare Council will take up a resolution addressing support of the international community.

- A Campus Dining survey will be emailed campus-wide and all are encouraged to complete it.
- The Faculty Senate Reception takes place this Wednesday. Please join us.
- The Provost's Office updated the Steering Committee that the search for a new Director of the Center for Latin American Studies is well underway.
- Many UF programs increased their rankings this year.
- Policy implementation of reporting outside interests need to be disclosed by faculty and UF has a process and forms for this.
- UFPD Chief Linda Stump-Kurnick provided her annual report yesterday to the Steering Committee and it was a relatively quiet year. She will present her report to Faculty Senate this Spring.
- Evie Cummings, Assistant Provost and Director of UF Online, was a guest of the Academic Policy Council and reported that there has been a three-fold increase in program participation. Other council reports at Steering Committee included topics related to addressing: animal tissue exposure to students; faculty titles; animal infestations in campus buildings and possible remedies; pressures on classroom scheduling due to the reduction of student-faculty ratios; and, lastly, Infrastructure Council addressed the lack of electrical outlets in classrooms and invited a liaison from the Director of Academic Technology, Mark McCallister's office. The budget of classroom renovation was discussed, including unit vs. centrally managed classrooms.

Election of 2019-2020 Chair

- Tabled to the April council meeting.

Council Liaison Update – George Kolb / Old Business

- The Budget Office is working on calculating college budgets. A priority of this legislative session is the 250 hires. President Fuchs is interested in obtaining salary increase funding. The university devoted 21 million carry forward dollars to deferred maintenance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.