

Agenda

Budget and Planning Committee

Feb. 4, 2011

1. Presidential Requests
2. Proposed Stimulus funding
3. Additional Information concerning the Fuel Depot

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Members present were: Troy Austin, Liz Kocevar attending for Wendell Barbour, Norm Bregman, Philip Gapinski, Franklin Grant, Deneese Jones, Kathy Charleston attending for Anthony Koyzis, Susan Osborne, Ken Perkins, Tim Pierson, Keith Rider, Chuck Ross, William Stuart, Bennie Waller, and Kathy Worster.

Ken Perkins discussed the Higher Education Act – 6 Year Plan. Handouts provided – Governor’s Commission on Higher Education Reform and Investment. Items pointed out were: Reform-Based Investment, Preparing for the Top Jobs of the 21st Century, Chapter 4.9:1 p. 8 – Targeted Economic and Innovation Incentives. And Institutional six year plans.

Troy Austin questioned that since we are not a research institution will that be considered? Ken Perkins said he did not know. Ken Perkins also noted that the stimulus money can help us determine how we can plan. Tim Pierson said that having a 6 year plan is a good thing to have. Ken Perkins stated the Act gives us an idea of what the state expects from us. Chuck Ross wanted to know do we have a plan for making a plan. Kathy Worster stated we are waiting for the guidelines.

Liz Kocevar asked what is the relationship of the academic plan to the 6 year plan? Dee Jones stated that we have met many of the requirements of the state in our own plan already.

Ken Perkins stated that the Office of Sponsored Programs will require new money to be spent on a Director and Administrative Assistant. The planned location will be Steven 118. A faculty development center will be created and located in Stevens 111. Currently there is no staff for the faculty development center. Dee Jones stated that the Office of Sponsored Programs would complete some of the state’s requirement in the Higher Education Act 6 year plan.

Philip Gapinski stated that some basic criteria or a process needs to be used with the budget and planning process. A handout was provided.

Norm Bregman brought up the bonus from the list of stimulus money proposals and that we have to have the money set aside for that. Kathy stated that depending on what is decided about the bonuses it could affect tuition rates. The bonus will take away around \$400,000 of the stimulus money. Bill Stuart stated that we have to do what the state requires. He also stated that people would not object to the bonus if the state does not require us to give the bonus. Phil Gapinski stated that we are only talking about the first year only but the raise will have to be continued after the first year. Bennie Waller said he does not think it is wise to give raises during the current economic period.

Norm Bregman recommended that the items on the list of proposals with double stars have the committee’s support and move forward. It is seconded by Bill, Dee, and Tim. Voted and approved by all with no one opposing the motion. The SACS accreditation carry forward was also approved.

Philip Gapinski would like to see more information on the online/hybrid class development. Phillip would also like to see more detail and a breakdown of the proposed expenditures in a written format. Chuck Ross suggested that we do not move forward until the group is provided with detailed information on the remaining items. Kathy Worster suggested there is a template on the Budget Office's website that can be used to help with the proposals. Phillip Gapinski stated that the deadline to present the proposed items to the President is the end of the month. Bill Stuart stated that the proposals need to be completed by the 11th.

Feb. 17th meeting cancelled and rescheduled for Feb. 18th at 3:00 pm.