

Planning and Budget Council: Budget Committee
Meeting Summary Monday November 7, 2011
8:00 Am – 9:00 AM
AB 5 210

Present: Mageria, Felton, Vazquez, Baker, Edington, Miller, Lindsey, Sorem, Harrison
Absent: N/A

Overview of Current Budget

At FGCU:

David Vaquez reported that at the end of October, the University is tracking fairly well in terms of Budget. He did note that tuition was lagging behind roughly about 800K, this is something that is being monitored. One possible scenario for the tuition lag is that Graduate Tuition hours are off about 2000 hours, down from projected 11,000 to about 9,000, and this is consistent throughout the state. Also the University is in the last year of the grandfathering of students into tuition costs; essentially not all students are paying the same rate of differential tuition.

Fee based budgets are OK

Grants and Research Sponsored Programs, budgets are over projections currently most likely a result that TV and radio contracts did not dip like expected

Auxiliary Revenues are 4% ahead of projection

Overall doing OK will monitor tuition the rest of the year

This year we had \$6.9 million of carry forward money, by state statute we have to have a reserve of 5% of General Revenue, which equates to about \$3.9 million. Out of Carry Forward Fund, a little over \$1million went to one-time bonuses, and another 750K is going forward for retrofitting the Student Union to Fire Marshall Code.

At the State Level:

Recent revenue conference projecting 1 billion short fall with the addition of the Medicare shortfall , state potentially facing 1.8 Billion dollar short fall which would equate to an 8% cut projected at FGCU, roughly 4 million dollars

Last year Governor and legislature required all state employees to contribute to their retirements, this year examining health insurance benefits. Also to note about the state employees' retirement contributions, recently the Teacher's Union filed a lawsuit on preliminarily is favoring the union which if ruled in favor of the Union's lawsuit could equate to another \$1.25 billion shift in State funding.

Another piece the Legislature is examining is the reserve funding, as noted Universities are required to maintain 5% of General Revenue in reserve; some institutions are close to 44%,

Work Plan:

FGCU #1 Legislative Agenda item is seeking the FTE funding deficit

Will be examining the impact of Waivers

Work with IRC on the Technology Fee

Begin discussion to prioritize needs for the university in the event of new funding streams, be sure to separate between recurring and non-recurring funding streams.

Next Steps:

1. Will not meet in December unless needed
2. Next meeting will be in January, as the new semester begins.

The meeting ended at 9:00 AM.