

Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting June 26, 2009 11:00am -12:30pm AB5 309

Summary

Present: Toll, Snyder, Lindsey, Nester, Banks, Ruder, Shepard and Crawford **Absent:** Lennertz, Henry, Oistad, Bullock, Magiera, Roberts, Rollo, Weeks **Guests:** Genson, Laviolette, McBride

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron Toll provided an update concerning legislative activity in Tallahassee and the 2009-2010 budget. He noted that he had participated in a presentation before the BOG on the impact of budget cuts on SUS campuses. In the presentation he mentioned the PBC, its inclusive nature and its transparency as a major player in FGCU's budgeting and planning decisions.

Standing Committee Reports:

Joe Sheppard made a presentation reviewing the close of the current fiscal year and the budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year now that the legislative session has ended. He noted that the university will be greatly helped by the 15% tuition increase adopted by the UBOT at its meeting last week, implementation of the student technology fee, and significant amounts of ARRA money. He added that while it appears unlikely we will suffer mid-year cuts the budget outlook still remains volatile and unpredictable. Continued growth combined with future tuition increases will be necessary to mitigate the effects of state budget reductions. The committee will now look at long-term budget strategies that must include consideration of programs and organizational structure.

Marc Laviolette, co-chair of the **ERMC** noted they had met recently (May 16) and will meet again on July 1. The committee has been engaged in gathering input from various units of the university on the impacts of further enrollment growth. The committee is also looking at university-based merit scholarships and how they are distributed.

Duncan McBride, co-chair of the **IRC** provided a summary of the committee's work. The committee had as requested by the PBC prioritized recommendations for the student technology fee. He noted that some of the items required only one-time funding and others would require funding on a recurring basis. The list did not represent a "shopping list." Duncan offered to further classify the list by unit and whether or not the items represented new acquisitions or were existing infrastructure. Ron Toll noted that the Budget Committee should next look at this list to provide its own input.

Barrett Genson, co-chair of the **Safety and Facilities Committee** provided an update noting that the committee had not met for a couple of months and was in the process of scheduling its next meeting now. He indicated that they had explored the responsibilities and activities of the UPD and his office (Facilities Planning) and that they were still in the process of defining the scope of the issues for review by the committee before addressing potential actions and recommendations for consideration by the PBC.

Paul Snyder, co-chair of the **SPIEC** noted that they have completed their work on a strategic planning process and made a brief presentation to the Council. After review and discussion, Ron Toll asked the Council to provide any additional input so that the Council could adopt recommendations at its next meeting. Paul emphasized that it was important to move ahead as soon as possible so that consultation could begin this summer. Ron added that he would ask Paul to make a similar presentation at a forthcoming Cabinet meeting to make sure everyone was comfortable with the process and the timeline for its completion.

Establishment of a PBC Committee on Environmental Sustainability:

Ron Toll noted that the President's Cabinet had endorsed the addition of a committee on environmental sustainability to the PBC. Paul distributed a draft describing potential committee composition and a charge for review by the Council. In response to a question, Ron indicated that ESAC would be sunset and this committee would have a different role to play. Paul noted that a simple majority of the Council would be necessary to amend the Council's by-laws. Ron asked that the council members review the draft and be prepared to provide any amendments or comments at the next meeting of the Council.

Next Steps:

After some discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting of the PBC would be scheduled for the week of July 13 at which time action on the Strategic Planning Process and the amendment of the by-laws to include an environmental sustainability committee would occur.