

Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Meeting March 31, 2009 11am -12pm AB5 210

Summary

Present: Toll, Shepard, Snyder, Roberts, Bullock, Lennertz, Henry, Lindsey, Oistad, Nester , Banks, and Crawford **Absent:** Angerer , Magiera, Ruder, Weeks, Rollo, and McKinney

Report of the Council Chair:

Ron Toll provided an update noting that there was a lot of activity in Tallahassee and that the current budget situation did not appear as dire as it was just a few weeks ago. He also noted that there was a lot of interest in the Federal Stimulus Plan but some frustration concerning details since FGCU was in a position to help with some of the workforce development issues. Ron reported that fall enrollment projections were on target. Provost Toll added that the PBC website was up and running and that it was very important to keep this site and those of the PBC committees up to date since this was the principal means for keeping the university community apprised of our activities.

Standing Committee Reports:

Chuck Lindsey provided a brief summary of the work of the **Budget Committee** that he co-chairs with VP Shepard. The Committee is using the guiding principles adopted by LRPIEC last year in making recommendations concerning budget priorities including, 1) preserving human capital 2) ensuring student success, 3) emphasizing quality, and 4) meeting community needs. Some of the options being considered to save money include: outsourcing of credit card transactions, use of construction dollars to fund the facilities office, use of technology fee revenues, reviewing programs and services, and examining cost-saving measures being used by peer institutions. It is believed that some combination of these actions could address nearly ½ of a projected deficit for 09-10.

Donna Henry, co-chair of the **ERMC** noted they had met on March 10. They are charged with developing procedures and processes for shaping the university's enrollment. They will meet again next week.

Kay Oistad, co-chair of the **IRC** provided a summary of its progress. She noted that the Committee was working on two documents: 1) short-term (09-10) information technology needs and 2) a list of items that would be eligible for funding using the technology fee. She added that with the abolition of the Banner Coordinating Committee, a subcommittee under Jim Fritz's direction is now looking at how to handle requests from the various data groups across campus. Kay also reported that Georgia Allen is leaving the university. Ron noted that we will need to find a replacement to serve on the Committee for her. The Committee is continuing to meet every other week.

Paul Snyder, co-chair of the **SPIEC** noted that they have held two meetings the most recent on March 31. George Alexander is acting as facilitator leading the Committee through the development of a strategic planning process for the university. The group is currently identifying stakeholders and timelines for each stage of the planning process and will continue its work when it next meets on April 7. The Committee asked for clarification as to the deadline by which the President's Cabinet would like to

see the new strategic plan in place. Provost Toll said he and Joe Shepard would consult with the Cabinet and provide a response to the Committee.

Safety and Facilities Committee-no report was provided since no member of the Committee was present to speak for its work.

Discussion of Budget Situation:

Council Vice-Chair Shepard said that recent events at state and Federal levels suggest that the impact on the university's budget for 09-10 may not be as severe as originally thought. Proposed cuts may be largely offset by cost-saving measures being considered by the budget Committee and revenue generating increases such as the new technology fee and a tuition increase. We will continue to monitor events in Tally closely.

Next Steps:

Provost Toll encouraged the committees to continue their work through the summer as long as it was possible for faculty and student members to participate. He also encouraged the committees to share their activities for posting on the PBC website in as timely a manner as possible.