

Planning and Budget Advisory Council

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

9:04 a.m.

Present: Hynes, Mooney, Gruszka, McElroy, Cummings, Reddy, Manglitz, Gooden, Ogden, Ward, Barton, Schultheis, Momayezi, Prieto, Demmitt, Raridan, Troelstra, Carr

Dr. Hynes briefly reiterated the importance of the Planning and Budget Advisory Council in managing the budget and thanked the group for the allotment of their time in attending.

1. BOR Budget Hearing

Dr. Hynes and others perceived the university was able to make its best case at the USG Budget hearing. Much of the hearing's focus was Enrollment and its impact on the budget. The hearing included focus on campus fees increases (Bookstore, Parking, and Athletics). Within the frame of the prospect of accountability, of those who spoke about their assessment of the hearing, the general consensus echoed the overall good vibe they took from the hearing and about Dr. Hynes' presentation of the Budget Narrative. Dr. Hynes mentioned that he hopes the Governor will put Academic Core Restoration in his proposed capital budget.

2. Fall 2015 Budget Town Hall

Corlis thought the Fall Town Hall meeting was well attended and went well. The BOR has lobbied state leaders for a 3% increase in salary for state workers. Our Budget office helps us be aggressive in finding avenues to supply the lacking funds, should there be insufficient dollars appropriated to make a 3% increase. The Chancellor is visiting legislators in their home areas with his plan to create affordable Higher Education in Georgia. Given the urgency portrayed for college affordability, there are discussions about a year without tuition increases.

3. FY16/FY17 Tuition Projections

(see handout, Enrollment Report) (See FY2017 Revenue Projections)

Drs. Schultheis and Reddy pointed out the current numbers in Enrollment for Undergraduate, Graduate, Continuing and *Move On When Ready/Dual Enrollment* student populations. Dr. Schultheis commended the Graduate program coordinators, whose efforts— he believes— helped to increase the enrollment in that student population. While Undergraduate enrollments may be down, Graduate enrollments may help us break even. The institution will continue to use conservative enrollment projections in building the 2017 fiscal year budget.

4. FY17 Fee Increases

Three committees have met to discuss fee usage, as is required by Board policy.

Last February BOR changed the policy about fees, requiring BOR approval for nearly any charge to all students (or a specific category of students) thus in contrast to earlier policies which left approval authority with the President.

These are Elective fees which now require BOR Approval:

- BSN
- Teacher Education Internships
- Telecourse/Online Course
- FNP Program fee
- MBA Program fee
- Undergraduate Business Program fee
- Enrollment Services fee

Fayette Center fee does not require BOR approval. We received a year's grace period before the mandate became effective. If the BOR rejects any fee increases, fee holders will likely be required to reduce services.

5. Capital Projects

Capital projects include Facilities, Construction and MRR (Major Renovation and Repair) (see Summary: Academic Core Renovation Capital Plan FY2016-2018)

6. FY16 One-Time Expenditures More than 25K

Scott will send an email reminder after this meeting. The deadline to respond is next Friday. We will not know what kind of funding will be available until the Spring numbers are finalized. Dr. Hynes suggested the helpfulness of the discussion of one-time expenditures for PBAC. Some Academic departments have said that they were not aware of the request for one-time dollars.

Meeting adjourned.