



Planning and Budget Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Called to Order: 1:00 PM | Adjourned: 2:50 PM

In Attendance: Thomas Hynes, Corlis Cummings, Kevin Demmitt, Stephen Schultheis, Bill Gruszka, Chase Moore, Shakeer Abdullah, Akwai Agoons, Allen Ward, Lisa Eichelberger, Brian Hunt, Cass Parker, Catherine Matos, Jacob Chacko, Jeanette Walley-Jean, Jill Lane, Lakisha Sanders, Lila Roberts, Mark Watson, Narem Reddy, Nasser Momayezi, Harun Biswas, Ryan Erlacher, Sam Dixon, Scott McElroy, Sonya Gaither, Susan Duley, Brenda Carr, Faith Morton

1. **FY21 Budget:** Discussion Led by Dr. Thomas Hynes

- The Georgia General Assembly will approve the State's FY21 Budget the first or second week in June.
- The USG has created a 14% furlough plan as a contingency in response to the unknown. The degree to which the plan will be implemented or whether it will need to be implemented at all, will be uncertain until June.
- The Board of Regents approved the recommendation of No tuition increases for the 2020-2021 academic year.

2. **Voting Results:**

- See Related Document:
 - [FY21 Funding Requests Voting Results](#)

3. **MRR* Recommendations-** Discussion Led by Harun Biswas

- Items 1-3 listed on the FY21 MRR Request Summary document are critical.
- It is unknown if the University will receive its normal MRR Allocation of \$600,000.
- The MRR recommendations are due to the BOR by Friday, May 29.
- See Related Document:
 - [FY21 MRR Request Summary](#)

4. **Reopening Plans:**

- Plans created by working groups across campus are due to Dr. Hynes by May 18 and must be submitted to the BOR by May 25.
- See related document:
 - [Fall 2020 Return to Campus Planning Framework](#)

5. CARES ACT:

- **CARES ACT I Grants for Students:** The Department of Education released the guidelines for receiving the Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Students that met the requirements were sent a message stating that they qualify and that they must complete a survey. Approximately 3,700 students were eligible and over 1800 replied and will receive funds. The award amounts are based on a student's Estimated Family Contribution which is determined by their FASFA application. The funds will be released through bank mobile.
- **CARES ACT II Institutional:** The bulk of the funds must be spent by June 30. Any ideas must be submitted to your Vice President or to the President for consideration by 11 am on Tuesday.
- **CARES ACT III:** Minority Serving Institutions are eligible to receive funds. Institutions are encouraged but not required to use at least 50% of the funds for grants to students.
- See Related Documents:
 - [Use of Institutional CARES Funds](#)
 - [CARES Act Institutional Draft Plan 5-6-20](#)

6. FY 21 Budget Cut

- The Chancellor instructed all institutions to submit a plan that addresses a 14% reduction by May 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Our institution's proposed Budget Reduction Plan has been created. Any modifications will need to be submitted by Monday, May 11 or Tuesday morning, May 12 at the latest.
- See Related Documents:
 - [FY 2021 Budget Reduction Plan \(14%\) Financial](#)
 - [FY21 Proposed Budget Cut Plan Summary 5-7-20](#)

*(MRR) Major Repair and Rehabilitation