

Report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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Faculty Senate Provost's Budget Advisory Committee

Charge: This committee shall appropriately consult, review, report and recommend to the Senate and shall advise the Senior Administrative on matter concerning the development of the university budget and shall recommend criteria for the allocation for university budgeted funds related to the initiation, development, and implementation of the educational program.

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Report Date: 4/27/2016

Meeting History (meeting dates, conference calls, major discussions):

1/31/17 – Laura Hubbard and Laurie Barnum Presenting

- 1) Ms. Hubbard and Ms. Barnum presented the Budget Planning Process
- 2) Multi- year financial plan – little in the way of new investments by NYS
- 3) Factors affecting financial capacity
- 4) UB continues to try to balance with less; multiple units have not made enrollment goals, uncertainty of rational tuition plan.
- 5) Overview of facts transmitted
 - If nothing changes, operating income may go down without an increase in tuition.
 - Critical maintenance is down quite a bit since 2013
 - Tuition revenue will flatten out- 2014-2018
 - Philanthropy- many funds are underutilized and underspent (15 M or so)
 - Research- ~ 174 million in sponsored funds.
 - Budget model: increasing enrollment should be a key endeavor, as well an increase in research and philanthropy.
 - Base Budget: If tuition revenue in credit hours is not met in a given year, the unit will return money to the University.
 - Provost Central Discretionary funds ~ 22 million
 - UBF Discretionary funds ~ 9 million

8/3/2016 – Laura Hubbard Presenting

- 1) Laura finished the rest of the Budget Planning Process Presentation
- 2) We discussed the article entitled “The other Buffalo Billion” published by several UB Faculty and the Administration’s Response.
- 3) It was recommended after considerable discussion that:
 - the Faculty should have brought their concerns to the Faculty Senate prior to publishing their article
 - the Administration should have come to the faculty senate and worked to educate and resolve this type of issue internally
 - the complaint was not a complaint from the faculty senate
 - where possible when these issues arise they should come before the senate for discussion and adjudication.

6/9/16 - Laura Hubbard and Laurie Barnum Presenting

- Initial discussion of the handling of the article “The other Buffalo Billion”
- Moneys returned by Decanal unit to the Provost was in some cases substantial.

Major Objectives:

- To understand the Budget Priority Development Process
- To understand where the funds come from that are spent by the Provost
- To understand how the funds have been allocated in prior budgets
- To advise the Provost and the Administration on how to Prioritize the allocation of funds
- To advise the Provost and Administration on how best to gather information from the Faculty
- To advise the Provost and Administration on how best to disseminate information to the Faculty

Emerging Objectives:

To advise the Provost and administration on specific fund allocation
 To advise the Provost and administration on how to handle specific situations that arise with respect to individual or group faculty actions related to budget prioritization.

Potential Work Products or Milestones for Completion of Objectives

To be available to advise the Provost on matters related to prioritizing the UB academic budget

Timeline for Completion of Objectives:

To complete by August 15th of each year.

Specific actions requiring FSEC

Approval

None Presented

FSEC Comments:

FSEC approved