

Council on University Planning and Budget
March 5, 2021
2:00 p.m. – Zoom
Minutes

Voting Members Present: Gurkan Akalin, Mark Bluhm, Peggy Brown, Jon Coleman, Kirstin Duffin, Laretta Henderson, Don Holly, Bobbi Kingery, Ramey Martin, Leigh Moon, James Ochwa-Echel, Steve Rich, Isaac Slaven, Jody Stone, Jacelyn Thomas, Vernon Woodley, Tim Zimmer

Absent: Morgan Colvin, Mona Davenport, Sace Elder, Shaibu Ibrahim, Rebecca Throneburg

Non-Voting Members Present: Anne Flaherty, David Glassman, Jay Gatrell, Judy Gorrell, Paul McCann, Sean Reeder, Ken Wetstein

1. Call to order and introductions

Peggy Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Approval of minutes February 5, 2021

Motion: (Kingery/Coleman) to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting as written. Roll call – Yes: Gurkan, Bluhm, Brown, Coleman, Duffin, Holly, Kingery, Martin, Moon, Ochwa-Echel, Rich, Slaven, Stone, Thomas, Woodley, Zimmer
No: None. Motion carried.

3. Planning and Budget Reports

Paul McCann reported that we are in good shape with our budget. Mr. McCann presented the Appropriated Line Item Status Report as of 1/31/21. Items over budget are social security, group insurance, equipment, and awards. He also discussed the budget status as of 12/31/20 noting major differences. All Athletic events are taking place in the second half of the year, and Athletics is very dependent on the money from OVC and NCAA. All capital projects in Athletics were done through donations. Most other capital projects are through the Capital Development Board.

Continuing Ed fees changed from course-based to program-based which reduced continuing ed revenue. A deficit will occur in FY21 but should correct over the next 3 years. Mr. McCann noted that Union Operations increased fees by about 15% last year, and they may need another fee increase for that area. Opening up the building to the public would be helpful.

There are two funding sources for COVID, one is CARES money for the institution and the other is CARES II money. Some of those funds need to be allocated to units on campus, such as Facilities, Health Services, Camps/Conferences, and Housing.

Other things to watch as we go forward into FY22 include utilities, increased software costs, deferred maintenance, and financial aid for students whether it is merit or need-based aid.

4. CUPB Executive Committee Report

The committee met through emails to set the agenda and discuss speakers for future meetings.

5. New Business

a. President

The subcommittee met and Dr. Glassman presented an overview of the Senate testimony given on Wednesday, March 3rd. The President and members of his administrative team met with two senators for a pre-hearing meeting on Tuesday prior to the actual testimony on Wednesday. Comments from the Senate Appropriations Committee were positive. The meeting with the House Appropriations Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 2nd. Dr. Glassman also discussed the increased natural gas costs during the extremely cold week.

b. Vice President for University Advancement

Ken Wetstein reported the subcommittee met and reviewed the FY21 budget, which is healthy due to unfilled positions and travel. University Advancement is experimenting with donor-enhanced receipt communications. EIU Giving Day is April 21st. A search is underway for a development officer to replace Randi Bohannon.

c. Vice President for Business Affairs

VP Reeder reported that CDB is moving forward with a design team to begin on the new science building this spring. Other CDB projects include McAfee exterior repairs and the Life Science Building. Campus level projects are moving forward.

d. Vice President for Academic Affairs

The subcommittee met and reviewed the FY21 budget and discussed new searches in Academic Affairs.

e. Vice President for Student Affairs

VP Flaherty reported that the subcommittee met and reviewed the FY21 budget and compared it to the FY20 budget. Cathy Engelkes is working to get student

artwork displayed in the Union. She is also inquiring into the possibility of getting an Amazon locker in the Union as well.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.