

Budget Committee Meeting

President's Boardroom

April 10th at 9 am

Attendees

Lawrence Bandi, Chris Kefauver, Vicki Riley, Denny Roth, April Schrump, Linda Shelek, Pat Stroud, Tony Vavra, and Steve Woodburn

Excused: Mike Koon

Discussion Items

Legislative session has been extended to convene again on May 26th for two weeks. We will not know our state budget for July 1 until mid June at the earliest.

Chancellor Noland announced to project a 4.5 to 5% reduction in State budget plus mid-year cut should not be ruled out.

Board approved the fee changes and up to an 8.5% increase in tuition if necessary to balance the budget. In addition they directed that a one-third cut in wages from the recommended salary budget be done with the \$60K impact being put into surplus in order to cover any mid-year needs.

The President suggested the following scenario to cover the one-third cut in the salary budget:

Faculty 2008 scale increased by \$500 plus step move - \$8K in merit and 5 promotions

Classified 1 step move on mercer scale plus 2% increase for 15 year max employees

Non-Classified under \$60K receive 2% increase; over \$60K receive 0% increase

Action: The committee approved the above recommendation with the request to revisit the 0% for Non-Classified over \$60K after the State Appropriation amount is announced. In addition, last years' merit amount was confirmed to be \$10,900 plus benefits.

Discussed revised enrollments management numbers increasing which decreased the budget shortfall by \$96,801.

Recommendation: The committee recommended an increase the technology fee from \$10 to \$15 per credit hour to avoid a tuition increase and make up the needed \$244,335. This would allow for a \$52,722 reserve (see attached). In addition, the committee recommended a new fee of \$50 for each student taking more than 18 credit hours in one semester. The 18 credit hours will remain in effect for summer sessions. Motion to approve made by April Schrump, seconded by Linda Shelek; Pat Stroud voted Against the new fee and Larry Bandi abstained.

Follow-up Items

Check with Bob DeFrancis to ensure marketing is announcing no tuition raise, Pell increase, and 12 credit hour cap for charges.

Committee will meet again when the State Appropriated numbers are announced.