

Budget Council Minutes
11.30.05
10 A.M. -12 P.M.
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Attendees:

Frank Bova
David Mulkey
Karen Parker
Jim Pettigrew
George Wilson

Doug Barrett
Janie Fouke
Ed Poppell
Carol Walker

Frank Bova called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

The minutes for the October 31, 2005 were approved.

Merit Pay Plan

The council discussed a proposal created by Jim Pettigrew and Frank Bova at the October 31, 2005 meeting regarding the council's endorsement of the Faculty Senate compensation committee report of April 2005 for the Vice Presidents to make merit pay plans mandatory for each college or department.

The council passed a motion to adopt the proposal upon agreement on an appropriate title for the proposal. Dr. Bova will circulate a proposed title for approval by the council.

IDC Data

The council reviewed a document provided by Tom Walsh regarding the current policy for distribution of earned IDC. The council also discussed adding faculty members to the Research Policy Council that Win Phillips chairs.

Dr. Bova will bring up the issue of the distribution of IDC at the next steering committee meeting to see if it is an issue for the budget council or if the issue should be given to another council.

Possible issues for the council

The council discussed the use of fees at the University and whether the council could make recommendations to allow more flexibility in the distribution of fees. Currently the fees are set by the legislature so the University does not determine how fees such as monies gained from parking can be distributed.

Dr. Bova will ask the library committee to talk to the budget council on long term implications for the library renovation to see if the budget council should look at future spending plans.

Committee reporting standard**Chronicle of Higher Education**

The council discussed an article from the Chronicle of Higher Education regarding changing trends in higher education. The council discussed ways the university may use budgetary decisions to keep up with current trends.

Draft of Faculty effort

The council discussed Kim Tanzer's Faculty Productivity Data sheet. Dr. Bova will discuss the data with Kim Tanzer to see if there are any budgetary issues that need to be researched.

Biomedical Sciences Building process

Carol Walker distributed an updated capital improvements plan and discussed the recent updates. The plan will be brought to the December Board of Trustees meeting and will then be submitted for the legislative session at the end of December. The list will be revisited after the funding is distributed.

Carol Walker reported on the upcoming process of selecting an architect for the new Biomedical Sciences Building. The University received 14 proposals from firms and the applicant pool was short listed to 5 firms.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.