

Budget Council Minutes
January 4, 2006
10 A.M. -11 A.M.
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Attendees:

Frank Bova
Jim Pettigrew
David Mulkey
Karen Parker

Ed Poppell
Janie Fouke
Kim Tanzer

Frank Bova called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

The minutes for the November 30, 2005 meeting were approved.

Frank Bova reported that the steering committee discussed the merit pay plan letter and Dr. Fouke agreed to move the request forward to the deans.

The council discussed faculty input into the building construction process. Council members think that more efficient buildings can be constructed if faculty input is given earlier in the process. Ed Poppell would like to determine what types of faculty should be included on the building committees. Mr. Poppell would also like the council to identify, in order of priority, the greatest weaknesses of the current process and identify where faculty input would be best. The council will meet with Carol Walker to determine the areas where faculty involvement would be most productive. The council will then prioritize a list for Mr. Poppell.

Dr. Bova said that the solution may be to have a point in the process where the college governance committees (for the colleges affected by the new construction) are engaged in the process. Mr. Poppell suggested that the council watch the current process of creating the Biomedical building to look for areas of possible change.

Dr. Fouke will follow up with the deans regarding the merit pay plan requests. Dr. Fouke is also in the process of requesting budget proposals from the Deans. She will give a copy of this memo to the budget cycle when the request is given to the deans. Dr. Fouke will also include language in the memo to indicate to Deans that she expects that the document will contain faculty input and will be fed back to the faculty.

Dr. Fouke is currently in the process of reviewing annual reports of all centers.

Kim Tanzer suggested that the budget council focus on the big budget picture and how the council can bring this information back to the faculty. The budget council can then keep track of smaller issues when necessary. The budget council should also look at issues to determine if they are issues that need to be brought back to the general faculty or if the budgetary issue only affect a small segment of the faculty and can be communicated on a case by case basis.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.