

Budget Council  
Minutes April 26, 2006

**Attendees:**

Frank Bova  
Carol Walker  
Doug Barrett  
Ed Poppell  
Karen Parker  
David Mulkey  
Janie Fouke

Frank Bova called the meeting to order at 2:06 P.M.

- 1) Vote on Chair- Frank Bova will continue as Chair of the Budget Council
- 2) Karen Parker reported on the process used for development of the Strategic Work Plan- Comments were added, the process of Senate input will continue, a working group from the CAPCS to incorporate the comments into the plan over the next few months. This Plan will be a living document.
- 3) UF policy on cost/income concerning auxiliaries- the comments concerning the current quality of UF services and that requesting any continued feedback from franchise fees to the academic side would be detrimental to the auxiliary efforts. There was little discussion aside from Ed Poppell's information. We may revisit this issue in the future after gathering some more information and discussions with other Councils. ("we may not have e-journals but we have the best and cheapest burger joints in town")
- 4) Discussion on Budget process was continued. There was support for more work on this topic. How do we design a process that encourages UF faculty and staff to continually evaluate their programs and to suggest more effective and more efficient use of funds while minimizing paperwork and minimizing any new administrative structure? Past efforts at other institutions have ignored the University culture and have not taken into account the motivation of faculty, treating them as though they are workers with few options when in fact they are a highly mobile workforce with a strong sense of mission. Any new process should provide incentive to partner between groups to optimize and not duplicate resources, keeping cost down, something our current process does not address. Janie Fouke offered some data on cost that is now available to assist in providing some measure of academic efficiency. David Mulkey and Frank Bova will look further into percentage of cost to continue process. Continue to look at goals to ensure that the process does not become the object of the exercise. DM and FB will contact the Provost and speak to some of the deans who seem to have issues with this year's process. Continue to move towards a June discussion.
- 5) The true cost of research space relative to program income was discussed. As we build more research space, are we shifting funds from other parts of the academic mission to support research? If so, is this an issue? Is there something that can be done to compensate? In general the question may be one of best return for the

- overall mission for the dollars expended. Do we have any data that will indicate if we are shifting funds as we build new facilities?
- 6) Merit Pay was not discussed and will be followed up in anticipation of upcoming merit pay decisions. Frank Bova will contact Jim Pettigrew and talk to JoeGlover concerning the plans that are being collected.
  - 7) We discussed the PECO list participation. David Mulkey and Frank Bova will participate (observe) this year's process over the next few weeks. The issue of building structures that require broader faculty participation is the goal; question-of how to best put a process in place to guarantee such Faculty/Administration interaction. Carol Walker offered some data on the building of classroom space and research space over the past 5 years. Doug Barrett discussed the process required to build non-department oriented space and how that effects budget allocation as well as the long range view where over brief periods and that the Council should be looking over a 5 to 10 year period to observe the true balance of building allocation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.