

Budget Council Minutes
May 18, 2006
1:30 P.M. -3:30 P.M.
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Attendees:

Frank Bova
Jimmy Cheek
David Mulkey
George Wilson
Colette St. Mary
Janie Fouke
Eugene Herring
Jim Pettigrew
Bernie Machen
Doug Barrett

Frank Bova called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Dr. Bova distributed the old PECO list and the return on investment sheet.

End of the Legislative Session:

Dr. Machen led a discussion concerning the recently completed legislative session. The Legislature has proposed a 3% across the board pay increase for all State employees. No additional shifts in State programs were proposed so state employees will see a real 3% pay increase. This is scheduled to take effect starting October.

Funds were provided for enrollment growth as well as some funds from tuition increases. Distribution of new funds was discussed. The desire to provide graduate student health care coverage as well as some additional salary relief for faculty was also discussed. The Budget Council voiced support for faculty funds above the state mandated 3% to be distributed along the guidelines proposed by the recently approved College Merit Pay Plans.

UF received PECO funds to continue the current building projects plus has received funding to move ahead with the new Pathogens research Facility.

The Governor has not signed the bill and a line item veto can alter the current situation. Another meeting was proposed, tentatively for July, to further discuss the final distribution of funds.

PECO process:

The council then discussed the PECO process. David Mulkey and Frank Bova attend the PECO list update meeting with Janie Fouke, Doug Barrett, Jimmy Cheek, Win Phillips,

Ed Poppell and Carol Walker. The process was described as one that tried to balance the limited funds available for new and renovated space against an ever expanding list of construction and renovation needs. It was noted that much of the movement in the list is driven by a mix of need and probability of available funding. Being present during the discussion was informative and the Budget Council will continue to consider how faculty input can be inserted into this process.

During the PECO discussion the question of how much classroom vs. research space has been built over the past decade was asked. Carol Walker created a list of space with the PEFICM (?) (<http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/fdm.htm>) classification. This table will be distributed to the Council.

Program Reviews and Merit Pay Plans:

The council also discussed the program reviews and how the budget council can more efficiently interact with other councils. The Program Reviews and Merit Pay Plans provided to the Provost were provided to the Budget Council. The Program reviews were discussed and it was decided to request the remainder of the plans from Dr. Barrett and Dr. Cheek. It was noted from the brief review of the document that the Program Reviews, while explaining the goals and aspirations of the Colleges provided little information on the potential of return on their proposed investment.

Budget Process:

During the previous meeting the Provost discussed her desire to examine alternative budget processes. David Mulkey and Frank Bova created a list of issues and concerns. This list will be distributed to the Budget Council. Members will provide feedback to the Chair and a follow-up meeting with Dr. Fouke will be scheduled.

The council will attempt to meet every three weeks into the summer. The next meeting will be held in mid June. The Council members will email the Chair available times and dates.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.