

Budget Council Minutes (by Chair)
April 13, 2009, 202 Tiger Hall

Present at meeting:

David Quillen, Chair
James Klausner, member
Pradeep Kumar, member
Naomi Young, member
Kathi Price, member
Regina Bussing, member
Matt Fajack, liaison
Ed Popple, liaison
Russ Armistead (liaison for Doug Barrett)

Guests:

Dean Oliver, Rebecca Johnson, Andrew Campbell (Division of Continuing Education)
Dean Russell (Libraries)

Meeting started at 130 pm, Tigert Hall room 202

Chair called the meeting to order. Items discussed out of order of the agenda.

1st item: New Library Fine Policy

Dean Russell presented the new library fine policy for lost books. The council felt that the new policy was appropriate and would ultimately help the library replace lost books.

2nd item: DoCE discussion of overhead cost associated with supporting conferences manage by conference department in Gainesville and at other sites.

- 1) Council members unanimously felt that there was significant academic value for conferences organized and supported by UF.
- 2) Holding conferences at UF also has an economic impact to the Gainesville region.
- 3) The current overhead cost of 8% makes it very difficult for UF to compete against other organizations and universities. Currently the overhead is held at 3% and the difference is direct support from the University.
- 4) The council unanimously endorsed a motion supporting competitive conferences services. The council extends a request to the University President and Provost for long term support so UF can continue to compete nationally for prestigious conferences.

3rd item: RCM again!

Matt briefly reviewed the current models and some of the ways they are managing some of the problems with the COM and RCM. Latest models are getting close to rolling out and Matt will bring us the latest updates at future meetings.

4th item: Fringe benefits

Matt discussed that the university is changing how fringe benefits are calculated and processed. The move is from an actual to a pooled rate. There may be some transition issues, particularly for grant supported staff, but overall the change will help smooth out cost for departments and colleges.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting May 11, 2009, rm 202 Tigert Hall @ 130pm