University Budget Committee
Agenda

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014
1:30-3:00
PUB 261

1. October 8th, 2014 Brief Notes
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2. Year-End Financial Review – Toni Habegger
   powerpoint

3. Draft Hearing Schedule
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4. November 19th Special meeting with Dr. Cullinan
Toni Habegger welcomed the committee and the brief notes were approved.

The Revenue Forecast dated September 18, 2014 was reviewed. The General fund-State revenue forecast has been increased by $162.5 million for the 2013-15 biennium and by $143.0 million for the 2015-17 biennium. The Governor’s Council of Economic Advisor’s assumption is $36.088 billion which is $10 million higher than the baseline forecast. The next roll out is in November with the Governor and OFM releasing budgets in mid-December. The November forecast will be forwarded to the committee when released.

The Budget Primer was provided as an informational item. This document will be updated later for 2015-17 and will be shared with the committee.

The two-page summary of the State Budget Submissions for the Operating Budget and Capital Budget requests were shared and reviewed.

The decision packages for the operating budget request include:
1. The Governor’s directive for a 15% general fund reductions. Eastern is currently planning for a 5% reduction.
2. Eastern’s enrollment has grown measurably over prior biennia and funding of $19,548,000 was requested to help close the funding gap of the more than 1500 students;
3. Compensation funding request was submitted calculated at 5% increase in each year for faculty and staff;
4. Student Success funding of $1,991,000 was requested for high-risk, first-generation, under-represented, transfer and non-traditional students;
5. $2,556,000 was requested for maintenance and operations;
6. $1,449,000 was requested to help fund the new College of Health Science and Public Health; and
7. The RIDE program expansion request was for $1,939,000.

The decision packages for the capital budget request are shown in priority order:
1. $71,843,000 for the Design and Build of Science I;
2. $5,691,000 for Science II Design;
3. $26,350,000 for the Design and Construction of the Infrastructure Renewal Project;
4. $350,000 for the Pre-Design of the Science Renovation;
5. $10,000,000 for the Design and Construction of Washington Street;
6. $35,000,000 for Minor Works; and
7. To cover the Preventive Maintenance and Deferred Maintenance Backlog Reduction, $2,217,000.

The Governor’s budget is expected to be out in December with the legislative session running from January to around May. Keeping the Strategic Plan goals and priorities at the forefront, the process began in July with a budget planning memo from the President to the executive team. Originally the plan was for a reduction of 8% in state operating budgets, the state was looking at 15%, but in Dr. Cullinan’s October 7th email to the campus, the University budget exercise will be a 5% reduction. The proposed timeline for the process was reviewed:

- Fall 2014 – planning for state and self-support funds and submit to budget office
- December 2014 – Budget Services reviews and prepares summary for Dr. Cullinan
- January 2015 – President’ reviews and holds hearing with division heads and deans
- February 2015 – University budget Committee hearings and campus open forums
- March 2015 – Presidential decision on budget with consideration of UBC recommendations and recommends 2015-17 budget to BOT
- May 2015 – BOT first read
- June 2015 – BOT approves 2015-17 budgets

The September 16, 2014 Council of President’s letter, the September 22, 2014 Seattle Times article, and Senator Barbara Bailey’s letter to Governor Inslee were shared and discussed.

- September 16 letter addressed to Governor Inslee from the six presidents. ‘we are requesting that you build a state budget that is both fair to Washington students and their families and represents a partnership between high education and policy makers to keep our state strong. We believe this is the time to invest in the education of our students and our state’s economic well-being – not to reduce higher education’s base budgets’.
- September 22 Seattle Time article: What would 15% cut mean for state’s colleges?
- Senator Barbara Bailey’s September 23rd letter to Governor Inslee: ‘asking for your support in keeping higher education affordable by proposing a budget that does not make cuts to higher education funding.’

The committee discussed whether or not there is a need to plan for another budget survey as the last one was in 2012. With the new administration, new faculty and staff, using a survey as a tool for the campus to participate in the budget conversation seems to be a good choice. This will increase and continue the emphasis on collaboration and transparencies in the budgeting process. There are also plans underway for the campus climate survey. We will begin to work on a draft survey with plans to review and provide input at the November meeting on November 12th.

Dr. Cullinan has been invited to share her vision with UBC on November 19th from 2:00-3:00 in HAR 223.

Meeting adjourned.
Information Technology—Chief Information Officer Gary Pratt
Athletics—Athletic Director Bill Chaves
Student Affairs—Vice President Stacey Foster
President’s Office—Dr. Cullinan
University Advancement—Vice President Mike Westfall
Academic Affairs General—Vice President and Provost Rex Fuller
Business and Finance—Vice President Mary Voves

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