University Budget Commission Meeting  
Thursday, February 5, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Mining Room, MSPC

☒ Kara Candito (LAE 2015) Proxy Amanda Tucker  ☒ Ray Spoto (LAE 2016)  
☒ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS 2016)  ☐ Vacant (Student Senate)  
☒ Dawn Drake (Academic Staff Rep)  

☐ Rob Cramer  ☒ Cathy Riedl Farrey  
☒ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)  ☒ Dominic Barraclough (Provost Rep)  

Guests: Cinda Furrey, Cheryl Bockhop, Art Ranney, Christine Grimesy, Shane Drefsenski, Sheryl Wills, Dan Avenarius,  

Quorum-Minimum of four voting members required for action on business items

MINUTES

I. Call to Order  
Chair Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2015  
Drake moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Berg. Minutes approved.

III. Announcements and Reports  
Kara Candito will not be able to attend the next three meetings.

MOTION: Berg moved to approve Amanda Tucker as proxy for Kara Candito through the end of the budget discussions, seconded by Drake. Motion carried.

IV. Academic Planning Committee Report

V. Unfinished Business

1. Budget discussion regarding $5m closing balance
   - Dan Avenarius – spoke on behalf of the DLC and stated that DLC markets and advises to different type of students; therefore, DLC is not a duplication of services. DLC is financially responsible and has the ability to grow but if they are required to pay $400,000 in rent, this would cut gross revenue by 30% and the DLC would not be able to add more online graduate programs. In support of alternative delivery systems taking on more responsibilities, the program is working on a proposal.
   - Liz Gates – spoke on behalf of the psychology department and shared concerns with the elimination of computer labs. Students use these labs for behavioral research I & II. They use SPSS heavily in those courses and very beneficial to have these labs close to the professor’s office.
   - Shane Drefsenski shared his concerns about cutting low producing programs and enrollments; this could affect many other areas and should be reviewed closely. Eliminating Philosophy major might at most produce 20 extra seats by replacing a 3000 level course with a 1000-2000 level course with minimal savings. Questioned what is the expected student credit hour (SCH) load for each faculty member/TAS and does it make sense to eliminate “low enrolled” majors if the program produces a strong amount of SCH; add more students to the lower level courses in order to allow the program to offer...
upper division courses.

- Richard Moninski shared his concerns about the PACCE program. PACCE is beneficial universally to community; faculty, and students and results direct benefits to the students by allowing them to implement ideas developed in the classroom.
- Karen Adams spoke on behalf of the DLC and shared some concerns and suggestions, see attached PDF.
- Kevin Bernhardt spoke on behalf of PACCE see attached PDF. Bernhardt also suggested flipping the entrepreneurship to entirely grants.
- Mark Evenson shared his concerns about eliminating majors and that the assistant to the assistant and assistant dean’s positions should be reviewed closely.
- Art Ranney spoke on behalf of Media Studies. He stated that Media Studies going from 7.0 FTE to 4.0 FTE and will have to reduce course offering and change curriculum and currently the program serves over 200 majors and minors. Ranney also shared his support of the PACCE program and that it is an amazing program that is both an academic endeavor and an outreach program.
- Cinda Furry asked if each departments and program be asked to recognize where they could cut and still survive.
- Mary M – build on the Wisconsin Idea, we need to construct a message to gather support for public education and foster a collaborate effort for new programs.

After hearing from guests, committee took a short break and then reconvened. Cathy Riedl-Farrey clarified some items on the budget options spreadsheet and then each senator had the opportunity to provide feedback from constituents and his or her thoughts, suggestions, and concerns, see attached PDF’s and comments below.

- Contact Jen DeCoste for foundation funds allocation.
- Some items not recommended until 2017 what is the reason for this; that is when the contract ends.
- Would like to see how many positions are teaching in a program, this would be an institutional research request.
- Collaborative lab money references EMS collaborative engineering program.
- If remedial education were cut this does not save 601,000.00, we would need to find another way to service and fund remedial education.
- PACCE and DLC need to be reviewed closely before making a recommendation, Rather than cutting PACCE have PACCE give 50,000.00 of their budget or charge community members a fee.
- Review the shuttle service, could the city help pay for this service?
- Discontinue the planners given to students from the textbook center.
- Cut back on lab mods and encourage staff to get aggressive on fund raising activities.
- Eliminate AAF, CIF, SAIF grant funds, some of these are part of staff’s job, make staff accountable. Eliminate matching funds.
- Review the positions with the title of chief, cut back, and go back to the basics.
- Suspend sabbaticals for a couple of years.
- Much support for # 50 reduce departmental and divisional budget-athletics, and #92 reduce departmental/divisional budget – residence life.
- Do a close review of the positions beginning with a chief and cut back and go back to the basics, there is no room for fluff.
• In the future review outsourcing janitorial services and dining services.
• Review the two-credit Health and Human Performance requirement and possibly eliminate.
• Strengthen international recruiting and offer graduate course online, discussion ensued about this being even though revenue is high it is expensive to promote.
• Increase graduation fee to $200.00 per student and have the freshman pay the graduation fee.
• Identify so where athletics could be cost recovery up to 20% of GPR.
• Instead of cutting intermural, create a fee.
• Raise parking fees by 20%, some in disagreement with this.
• Increase seg fees and career fair fees.
• Look at more cooperate sponsorships (opportunities for advertising)
• Have Small Business Development Center offer services to cover the cost.
• Identify expertise and use them.
• Increase TSI premium.
• Identify a level of advising load
• Eliminate 1 position from business intelligence
• Look at cooperate sponsorship.
• Offer early retirement.
• Review different tuitions for different majors.
• Review upper administrative positions.
• Combine ICET and TLC vs. cutting TLC and consolidate IT positions.
• Postpone faculty raises since we are thinking about laying off others and furloughs.
• Hold sabbatical and professional development for a couple of years.
• Suspend conference travel, the distinguished lecturer, and MCIC.
• Cut campus read program, many people do not use this.
• Suspend the distinguished lecturer, a day of instruction you lost.
• Raise the amount of textbook rental.
• Cut the pay adjustments to faculty for the first year, savings would be $362,000. Discussion ensued about system lobby the need to think strategically when it comes to the raises.
• Rather than freezing open positions have departments prioritize the positions.
• Have an incentive to go into online master’s program.
• Eliminate a position in diversity and outsource desktop support
• Cut back on out of state travel and do a supply budget cut across campus.
• Have University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UUC) review the writing emphasis course since this is a new course.
• Determine what each department is spending on adjunct teachers.

VI. New Business

VII. Next Meeting February 12, 2015

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.