

University Planning and Budget Committee
Meeting of March 3, 2014, 2:00pm
NC 204

In attendance: Yvonne Kirby, Charlene Casamento, Rae Schipke, Thom Delventhal, Haoyu Wang, Kevin Oliva, Kathy Martin-Troy, Chad Valk, Carlos Liard-Muriente, Matthew Bielawa, Carl Lovitt

Meeting called to order at 2:04

Note: This is a special meeting to continue the discussion of the Annual Budget reports of February 19, 2014. We pick up with discussion of the IT proposal.

Chad: The only item I question is the Classroom Enhancement Pool. They're asking for improvements for blinds and banks of lights...

Kathy: I think it's too much.

Chad: Well, it should be in the Facilities' budget.

Yvonne: Charlene recommended that James move a list of specific things from "one-time" to "capital," on the day of the report.

Char: If the items meet the criteria for equipment, their odds for approval would be better. I am assuming that there would be less "one-time funding" than last year.

Matt: Will the System Office pay for wireless as part of the proposed Smart Classroom funding?

Chad: I don't believe that's *classroom* enhancement.

Char: The \$150,000 as part of the IT one time request is on behalf of facilities and Academic Affairs. If approved it would be managed as it's own budgeted category.

Chad: I think we need to relook at the wireless funds, at least for administrative. IT getting into the light switch and blind business is absurd.

Carlos: Was there clear co-ordination between Richard and James?

Kathy: It's very clear that Richard said, "Keep it in your own budget."

Chad: Richard is trying to get divisions to be their own champions.

Char: What's important is that each of the Divisions has clearly been in conversation with Richard and if they get the money, he's ready to execute.

IT reductions:

Char: We confirmed that each division's proposed FY15 contingency reduction ties to their 5% target except for Academic Affairs' budget. Carl had provided an explanation to the UPBC indicating that with the FY14 reduction being made permanent, he wasn't going to be able to hit the 5% target for FY 15.

James has identified funding to pay for his only new personnel request; however, he did not include additional funds for the fringe benefits. We believe he will be responsible. He has the PCN, but \$0 associated with it. He is requesting to reclassify other expenses (like paper clips) to pay for personnel. The other expense savings does not have fringe benefits. We will need to proceed carefully as a precedent is being set. Kim went through all position requests and the fringe associated with them is covered.

CAO:

Kathy: Is he the only one looking to increase his base budget? But then he's asking for cuts on the next page. I don't know if he's basing cuts on this new budget.

Chad: Again, the cuts might not happen. It's a contingency.

Is it possible he might get some of his request and still need to make some of these cuts?

Char: Yes, they are two separate events

Chad: We should have these names redacted before we post this.

Kathy: I object to the cutting of the shuttle.

Chad: They're getting free bus passes now.

Kathy: Perfect.

Char: Are there some students unable to take the bus?

Kathy: I think we need to determine that.

Char: And when the busway is ready, how will they get from the busway to campus?

Chad: He's made a reduction of \$100,000 in campus repairs. Will he get any help when money starts to trickle down from TransformCT?

Chad: If Administrative Affairs receives equipment funding to purchase the requested Bobcat, the overtime reduction is more achievable.

Chad: Why is the athletes' summer school financial aid in "one-time?"

Char: Each year they request it.

Chad: Sports fields. We just spent millions on the sports fields, now we need more to fence them in?

Sound system?

Kathy: If we can say no to one sound system we can say no to two.

Chad: 4th floor classroom in the library...

Char: Haven't we already paid for that?

Chad: I'll get clarification.

Academic Affairs:

Kathy: It's so straight forward, I don't think there's any need to discuss.

Haoyu: What about the software to manage academic content?

Carl: We're hoping to purchase it this year. All systems are go. We will use innovation funds from next year. It's very exciting—a game-changer. Our advising software is as well. But this may not be the year for it. We are waiting for the enrollment figures.

Chad: What about the powerhouse?

Carl: Not this year. He's never asked for the money. It's funded by 2020. So far, there's nothing on the horizon, but it's possible things could move quickly. We should be on the lookout so that we can understand the mechanics and safeguard what exists.

Chad: I love the feeling of deepened collaboration between you and Richard. Will you run the list of recipients of innovation funds by us?

Carl: I'd be happy to, after the Provost's council. We'll give you a top 10 list.

An addendum received via email from Charlene Casamento on March 4:

In yesterday's meeting there was a question as to whether or not any of the

one time requests submitted for consideration in FY 2015, were repeats of items that were previously authorized.

Lucy did a review of the current One-Time/Capital request for FY15 with some past fiscal year requests. There were a few that were repeats in FY15 but the approved requests in prior years were purchased (or will be in some cases for the current fiscal year list).

In regards to the two specific items brought up by UPBC (Wireless under the CIO and the Library under the CAO) the current requests are different than the previously approved ones for the Library under the CAO and the wireless appears to be an expansion of the wireless project under the CIO.

Adjourned at 3:23