Planning and Budget Council: Budget Committee

Meeting Summary

March 28, 2013

Edwards Hall – 210

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Present: Felton, Miller, Lindsey, Harrison, Baker, Vazquez
Absent: Mageria, Blood, Michel

1. Budget Update

   a. Happenings from Current Legislative Sessions

Vazquez updated the committee on the current happenings in regards to the Senate and House Appropriation bills. He noted that the Senate bill is in its second reiteration, with the House bill currently in its first.

Senate 1st Offer – 300 Million back to higher education, did take back the operational appropriations given to institutions last year when some were going to fall below the 5% stature mandated reserve. This would mean for FGCU essentially a net factor of 0 for FGCU. Also in Senate bill, no tuition increases.

House 1st offer – 300 million back, the reserve make-up would still be in play. House bill also has 65 million appropriated for Performance Based Funding. Also has a 6% tuition increase

Senate 2nd Offer – 300 million back into higher education. FGCU and New College would be able to continue with the reserve make-up that was funded last year. Senate offer also has 65 million in Performance based funding.

Senate bill related to State of FL Employee Salary increase – 2% across the board

House bill related to State of FL Employee Salary Increase – 7% across the board

House currently has a bill examining Fees which would change the calculations and the Cap of the fee—Affect other schools more because they are at the Cap.

Currently no action on Health Insurance

No new information on FGCU’s parity funding request.

Several concerns brought up by the committee that will be shared at next PBC meeting..
   i. Noted the report it is very complex, there are wide parameters.
   ii. Are the recommendations intended to be potential strategies, or are they intended to be guiding principles.
   iii. Overall, the committee was concerned with the general lack of guidance from the document, and concern that if adopted by PBC what potential problems could arise? Some discussed included the uncoordinated efforts in implementing any 1 strategy without individual strategies being properly vetted by the needed stakeholders.

   **iv. Budget Committee Recommendation to be addressed at next PBC meeting:**

   1. **Stay Budget Neutral**
   2. **Watch the intent for this to become a “license” to implement strategies**
   3. **All parameters/Strategies are not equally doable**
   4. **Need to have a preamble attached, list the assumptions and limitations of report.**

3. **New Business**

   Go Eagles in the Sweet 16

4. **Next Steps**

   Next meeting time will be determined and sent out via email.
   Will continue to monitor the legislative session.

**Meeting Ended 8:45**