Planning and Budget Council: Budget Committee

Meeting Summary Thursday November 1, 2012

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

AB 5 309

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

1. Prioritization of Proposed Budget Requests

Discussion ensued on the role of the Budget committee and the PBC in providing advice on Budget decisions. Some of the discussion revolved around the urgency of particular budget request items, the nature of the cuts from last academic year. As noted, the cuts were permanent cuts as outlined by the presentation to the BOT; therefore, discussion ensued about how restoration of budgets would fit into the list of prioritization. One idea was that divisions could make a case to restore budget cuts; another idea was to designate a portion of the 3 million cut for new priorities with a portion being distributed for partial restoration.

Another complexity to the prioritization of requests is that some of the needs identified are items that need to be covered now whereas others are only needed in the event we expand... there is need to differentiate the “need”. Also one particular need is the advisor ratio, so an idea was proposed to sequester the money for advisors and then restore any additional funding back to divisions.

Another need was identified that was not accounted for in prior discussion. That being the QEP and Baker clarified that this will be a new cost since we are still covering the current QEP.

Also, it would be helpful to break out the capital projects included in the request since funding sources for these projects come from multiple sources.

2. The way budget cuts are distributed amongst the different Divisions.

Tabled to next meeting

3. The requests from the SFC.

Blood updated that a small committee was formed with Marc Laviolette, Ruth Rodrigues and himself. Blood was open about having a faculty member on the ad
hoc committee. Felton to forward Blood and Laviolette a name.

4. **New Business**

None

5. **Next Steps**

Will need to begin working on report for PBC. This report should include a narrative to address how the committee came to its conclusion with justifications. Also within the report will need to address advisor/student ratios, the restoration of cuts, how the other items were prioritized. The report should also identify clusters

Meeting ended at 9:00 AM