PLANNING & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Date: October 7, 2008
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Board Room – President’s Side

Members Present: Teri Jo Buckman, Jo Anne Cripe, Ruth Ann Hansen, Les Jauron, Ken Meier, David Payne, Al Renville, Clinton Slaughter, Trevor Stewart, Andy Suleski

Members Absent: 

Guests:

I. ACTION ITEMS

At 3:34 p.m., David Payne called the meeting to order.

a. Consider approval of 09/02/08 Minutes

A quorum was not present, so this item was tabled.

II. DISCUSSION

a. Charter Revision

After discussion regarding adding the Researcher to the Committee, it was decided to bring this item back to the next meeting to address issues regarding adding new members, substitutes, and voting members.

b. 2008-09 Final Budget Document

Andy reviewed the 2008-09 final budget document. As far as the state budget, there have been many changes. Andy has discussed with the Board budgeting for growth, at this time, the Board doesn’t want to budget for growth. At this time, we are not experiencing decline and will be receiving restoration dollars. Les asked if restoration and stability dollars are not funded by the state, would we be funded for growth. Andy said that they will look at both pools of money and determine if the state grows more than there is money to fund. If there is not enough to fund everyone, then they will deficit everyone. Ruth Ann stated how lucky we are to be fiscally sound and how much it is appreciated the efforts to keep us fiscally sound. Andy reviewed the 2008-09 augmentation list for the last changes and reminded everyone that capital items do not count toward the 50% law.

c. 2007-08 4th Quarter 311Q Update

As the 2008-09 Final Budget contains the same information on the Quarterly 311Q report, this was not reviewed again.

d. Transparency

David stated that during his (Academic Senate) meeting with the President last month, they have been talking about transparency when it comes to the President’s Leadership Team and how hiring goes and money is spent. The Academic Senate President is asked to approve these decisions without the benefit of hearing the discussion and reasoning behind the decisions regarding hiring and money, which are the two big things that everyone disagrees about. Davis is proposing that the President and VP of Academic Senate be allowed to attend the President’s Leadership Team meetings for discussions regarding faculty hiring priorities and the prioritization of the augmentation list. Teri Jo said that after these decisions are made, the VP’s come back to the PBA and explain how these decisions were made for their particular areas.

Ruth Ann expressed concern that if the President and VP of the Academic Senate were to attend these meetings the perception would be that faculty would be given higher priority than the
classified service.

Ken invited David and JoAnne to the faculty priorities meeting and the unit planning meetings with the Deans.

Les said that time is so limited for people in this room, it is already difficult for folks to meet their obligations. He tried to put the process together several years ago with the PLT and representatives from each of the constituents groups, but the process is so laborious it didn’t work.

Ruth Ann suggested that we change the process to look at priorities and how they will come to the PLT before it’s a done deal. We need to be sure that the VPs bring their priorities to PBA and discuss area prioritization prior to going to PLT.

There was discussion regarding going back to a tiered method of prioritization for operational dollars.

Les said that one thing we will have to do is bring the group together more often, especially during the summer.

This issue will be brought back to the next meeting for further discussion.

e. **Proposed PBA Process Change**

Les stated that he had been looking at what worked last year and what didn’t work well. One of the things that didn’t work well was Faculty hiring because we started too late. Les distributed a handout with a new version of the PBA Process which eliminates 7 steps from the last PBA process taking it down to 12 steps.

David expressed concern over step 6 and the timing given that the process needs to start in December, but because the budget information isn’t know until the Governor’s January Budget proposal it’s difficult. David also expressed concern about the ability to hire persons of color and that without financial support for travel expenses we are losing many good candidates. Ruth Ann asked if there are federal diversity funds that can be used to help candidates with travel. Diversity committee is looking at this right now.

We will continue to have further discussion regarding the PBA Process change.

f. **Strategic Direction**

This item was tabled.

g. **Fall Forum Planning**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

h. **VTEA Committee**

Ken is proposing to pilot a sub-committee of the Planning and Budget Committee to review priorities from the CT&E Chairs based on unit plans and make recommendations for the allocation of the Carl Perkins Budget which is approximately $640K. Ken is proposing that the members of this subcommittee be David Payne, JoAnne Cripe, Doug Bentz, Christie Boggs, Baba Adam, Linda Zorn, and Kam Bull.

This item will be back at next meeting for vote and set up of committee officially for a pilot program.
i. **Next Meeting Date**
   Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

III. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
   - New Website

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**
   At 5:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.