

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 7, 2014

Corbett Conference Room from 1-2:30 PM

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erick Eschker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joyce Lopes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Snyder (Called in)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Craig Wruck
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rae Robison, CAHSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gina Pierce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce O’Gara, CNRS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gay Hylton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Rizzardì, CNRS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Volga Koval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vikash Lakhani
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peg Blake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randi Darnall Burke

Agenda:

One-time request from reserves for AY 13/14:

Academic Affairs projects a deficit in their budget for the current fiscal year. A handout was provided to show the estimated 1.1 million dollar shortfall, most significant in CNRS. The Provost spoke to the reason for the deficit; it has been in the Division for the last few years, covered with one-time funding. This fiscal year, the Division would like to receive the one-time funding from the University. The Provost is concerned that if the Academic Affairs Division absorbs the full cost of lecturer salaries and benefits resulting from enrollment growth, they will end the year in deficit. The funding earmarked for other initiatives needs to remain in their budget and is not available to offset the shortfall or their success will also be impacted.

The Provost stated his assumptions: the deficit in lecturer salaries and benefits is not his responsibility. He feels it is the responsibility of the University to fund instruction first, and everything else comes second. He said he is responsible for other deficits in the Division, but does not want to use OE or curb spending in other areas. He feels this is the kind of emergency situation that the reserve is meant to cover.

Concerns were raised about amending the 13/14 budget. The Academic Affairs Division is projected to receive a large percentage of the budget augments for 2014-15, which can be used to cover their lecturer salary and benefits deficit. With enrollment growth funding, 1.8 million will go into Academic Affairs budget for 14/15.

The Provost would prefer not to recommend multi-year commitments in the 2014-15 budget plan with the pending changes in executive leadership before the end of this fiscal year.. There was discussion about the tenure-track funding and the reasons for the current deficit and plans for moving forward. The committee discussed the desire to retain flexibility for the new executive leadership. The Provost would like to see the full benefit deficit covered in the base budget for 2014-15. Other VPs do not believe Academic Affairs takes precedence over other

divisions and contend that all their needs are valid. The full picture needs to be reviewed including all types of University funds. The Provost stated that he could solve the shortfall at the Division level, only by reducing the number of classes or reallocating funds out of other MBUs such as IT, RISS, or eLearning. The Division also needs more Tenure-Track faculty and enough funding for the other initiatives to become sustainable. The Provost does not want to use OE, or ask his departments to curb spending. The other VPs have all utilized OE to cover their own deficits. This difference in practice has not been resolved.

Last week the committee wanted to maintain flexibility, but if the requested one-time augment in 2013-14 is funded, flexibility will be lost going forward. The Provost stated that he does not want to carry forward a budget deficit, that the lecturer costs should be covered from reserves to preserve the carry forward budget in other MBUs within the Division. Each area has plans for the funding and he does not want to prioritize the plans of others, when there are reserves with no calls against them.

The University as a whole has priorities that may be different than what Academic Affairs has invested in. There are structural deficits in other divisions that the committee should consider. The Academic Affairs Division could end the year in deficit, but start the next year without carrying forward the negative ending balance. This would decrease the burden on reserves, especially if the Provost is willing to consider asking his Division to curb spending or redirect their OE needs to underutilized funds such as Lottery and CERF.

The committee is charged with bringing a 14/15 budget recommendation to the President in April. Perhaps the document will include a discussion of the issues, the priorities and a recommendation to delay the final budget until after the Governor's May Revise. The CSU may receive a higher allocation than we have planned in the assumptions. The committee must meet again, for three hours if possible. A doodle poll will be sent to the committee immediately following the meeting. The committee will look at all deficits. One option would be to wipe out all deficits and send out the message that we should be conservative until additional base funding becomes available. Each Division agreed to provide their deficits: structural, and non-structural. Meeting was adjourned.