

Budget & Planning Committee  
Inlow Hall 201  
June 11, 2013

**Present:** Jeff Carman, Ray Brown, Joyce DePriest, David Lageson, Ken Watson, Stephen Jenkins Evan Bryan, Brooke Stout, Mary Asker, Andy Ashe, Sue Cain, President Davies, Provost Adkison, VP Lara Moore and Teresa Carson-Mastrude

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

The group had a follow-up discussion on President Davies' responses to their questions on the Sustainability Plan. Stephen Jenkins noted that some of the projected savings in Residence Life is due to turnover in employees.

Steve Adkison reported that he has met with faculty divisions and received feedback from them. Following those meetings revisions were made to cuts in some of the low-enrolled classes. He reported that he has not received enough evidence to change the majority of what has been laid out in the draft plan. Adkison reported that there will be changes in the narrative but the dollar amount of cuts will not change.

President Davies spoke to the group and told them that the main implements in the draft of the Sustainability Plan will remain in the final plan and the dollar amount to be cut will remain intact. Davies noted that enrollment projections for the upcoming year are remaining flat at this point and EOU will need to have a built-in buffer to deal with this issue if enrollment drops. He noted that 2<sup>nd</sup> year adjustments will be built into the plan. The president also reported that it is likely that SEIU workers will strike in the Fall. The possible cost of increased wages to SEIU employees is not known at this time. Most departments will see a decrease in their current S & S budgets next Fall and we will be using a normalized approach to this. We will be looking at purchasing a CRM but dollars will not be taken out of S & S budgets as it is planned to begin charging an application fee to offset the cost of the CRM. At this time, President Davies is still hoping to have a 5 ½% Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year. Davies is more concerned about our situation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The key will be to implement the plan. The group discussed the overload/inload issue and it is still too early to tell how much savings will be realized. Bargaining with AAP is on hold until Fall.

Ray Brown again asked about evening classes. President Davies noted that their needs to be a "champion" for that from the faculty to gain support for that idea. It was noted that some faculty are against evening classes.

The group noted that they would like to see data in the Fall so they will be able to track savings projected from the Sustainability Plan. The group will receive an update in the Fall on the "burn rate" of funds. President Davies agreed that consistency and transparency will be key. Ken Watson noted that the committee members need to let constituents know that this is a dynamic issue and at this point, there are many unknowns. President Davies feels that the Sustainability Plan is a solid plan to move EOU forward considering OUS/State uncertainty.

Ken Watson noted that he would like to see the Budget & Planning Committee continue meetings through the summer months. Ken Watson will work on drafting changes to the by-laws regarding meeting during the summer months.

The group discussed their decisions on the budget requests.

**Motion:** Brooke Stout moved to approve the recommendations from the group and those recommendations be forwarded to President Davies.

**Second:** Evan Bryan

**Action:** Motion passed.

A tentative meeting date of July 16 was set depending upon availability of the committee members.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Teresa Carson-Mastrude