

Budget & Planning Committee  
Inlow Hall 201  
December 10, 2013

**Present:** Jeff Carman, Ray Brown, Les Mueller, Steve Tanner, Mike Sell, Ken Watson, Gerri Silveira, Kerry Bullard, David Lageson, Angie Adams, Sue Cain, Andy Ashe and Teresa Carson-Mastrude

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and the minutes from the previous two meetings (October and November) were approved.

New Business

Quarterly Management Report (QMR): Sue Cain (Budget Analyst) reviewed the most recent Quarterly Management Report (dated September 30, 2013). This report projects a fiscal year-end fund balance of -1.9%. Ray Brown asked if there could/would be further hits to this balance. Sue noted that enrollment is going to play a key role in the projected fund balance on the next QMR. The group discussed adjunct pay and faculty contract negotiations and asked if that has been calculated into projections. Les Mueller noted that SOU has had similar financial difficulties and is now making some huge cuts and asked if EOU will be also be declaring exigency?

VP Search Update: Jeff Carman reported that he, Ray Brown, David Lageson, Mary Asker and Teresa Carson-Mastrude have been serving on this committee and wanted to explain how the events in the search played out so the entire process and the actions of the committee were totally transparent to the campus community. There were originally 14 candidates and the list was narrowed down to 6 for Skype interviews. Three candidates withdrew before the Skype interviews were held. The committee decided to ask the three remaining candidates to come to campus after their Skype interviews. Two of the remaining three candidates withdrew after the on-campus interviews were scheduled. The remaining candidate (Lara Moore, Interim VP) completed the interview process and the search committee voted 7 – 4 that she was a hireable candidate and forward that to President Davies who will be making a decision within the next few days.

Academic Report Discussion: The group discussed the “Fox Report” at length. Les Mueller asked if we saw any salary savings in the last 6-8 months as no faculty positions were cut. Members of the group had questions as to why some faculty are not teaching the 36 hours as per their contracts. It was noted by some faculty members that load credit is calculated differently for some situations. Michael Sell noted that faculty should only have overload after hitting the 36 credit hours. The group noted that there needs to be a better system for tracking release time. There still appears to be much confusion over the data used to compile this report, Jeff Carman will reach out to Brian Fox to see if release time is factored into the report. The group discussed this data and the fact that EOU is facing a negative fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Changes could be made based on the data that might make a difference in EOU’s financial situation. The group will continue to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Governance: President Davies infoline re: Governance was discussed by the group. It was noted that the TRU (Technical and Regional University) Presidents presented a hybrid option to the legislature earlier in the week. It might be a month or so before the universities are informed of the state’s choice.

Discussion & Approval of By-Law Changes: A motion was made to approve the changes to the by-laws and the motion passed. Jeff will take the proposed changes to University Council.

Capital Projects Update: David Lageson gave a brief update on the Quinn remodel.

PRC Update: Jeff Carman noted that lately there have been a few temporary position passed to fill various employee needs but none of the positions were being paid from the general fund – that they were using budgeted resources.

ITAT: Jeff Carman and Steve Tanner stated that there were no recent or scheduled ITAT meetings.

The group had a list of questions that they would like answered before the January Budget & Planning Meeting.

1. (For Brian Fox) We were viewing your updated graphic showing the 2012-13 faculty inload/overload and a couple of the faculty on the committee asked if release time was factored into your report.
2. (For Lara Moore) Does EOU have a CFI, if so, how is it formulated and what items are measured?
3. (For President Davies) B & P curious if EOU had a five year projection that was presented to OUS for the governance discussion and if so, if we could also see it as well. And I was curious how the discussions went in regards to the governance issue there and how well the hybrid model went over.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Teresa Carson-Mastrude