

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

May 1, 2007

Summary of Meeting

Members present:

Jeff Berghoff

Betsy Boze

Cheryl Casper

Timothy Chandler

David Creamer

Laura Davis

John Gosky

Bruce Gunning

Sally Kandel

Maureen Kennedy

Mark Kretovics

Larry Marks

Timothy Martin

Austin Melton

Jeff Milam

Nancy Mitchell

Charlene Reed

Richard Rubin

Richard Serpe

Denise Zelko

Meeting Summary Review

Any changes to the April 19 meeting summary should be directed to Shelley Ingraham at singraha@kent.edu as soon as possible.

Recommendation to the President

The recommendation by the Committee will be submitted to the president and the provost later this week. The document also will be posted on the RCM website.

Additional Discussion of Initial RCM Calculation

Sample calculations were distributed for the Committee's review that showed how a decision about the allocation of revenues from general education courses would financially affect each college. There was considerable discussion about the four scenarios and an improved understanding of the complexity of the choices associated with an RCM model. The discussion also illustrated the financial importance of general education courses to the overall academic mission. There was general agreement that there is a need to address several issues related to general education or the liberal education requirements but RCM should not drive these decisions.

The issue of how to fund doctoral programs also was discussed with the committee reaching a similar conclusion that the decision about funding for doctoral programs should follow academic priorities and RCM should support not influence these priorities.

Summer Work Plan

The Committee also reviewed a set of possible tasks for the summer. Committee members were asked to review the tasks and identify their interests. Additionally, members should consider who else from the university community should participate in a workgroup and provide those names to Shelley as soon as possible. It is anticipated that the workgroups will begin meeting in early June.

Summer Meeting Schedule

The summer meeting schedule will include one meeting in June and one in July. There also will be two meetings scheduled during the first three weeks of August. Committee members were asked to email Shelley when they are not available during the summer. A schedule will then be developed and distributed. It is anticipated that each meeting will be scheduled for three hours but all three hours may not be needed depending on the agenda.