

## BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

June 13, 2007

Summary of Meeting

Members present:

Jeff Berghoff

Betsy Boze

Cheryl Casper

Timothy Chandler

David Creamer

Laura Davis

John Gosky

Bruce Gunning

Sally Kandel

Mark Kretovics

Timothy Martin

Austin Melton

Jeff Milam

Nancy Mitchell

Richard Rubin

Richard Serpe

Denise Zelko

### Meeting Summary Review

Any changes to the May 1 meeting summary should be directed to Shelley Ingraham at [singraha@kent.edu](mailto:singraha@kent.edu) as soon as possible.

David Creamer discussed the uncertainty of the upcoming state appropriation for higher education. Any increase in the appropriation will be in exchange for holding tuition for undergraduate resident students at the AY06-07 rates.

How do these decisions affect the committee? Dr. Creamer stressed that for now the university will monitor the situation at the state level and continue to plan for the future as we have in prior years. He reminded the committee that the university has very limited control over the state funding situation. It has much more control over issues like enrollment which is where the work of the committee and the potential of RCM is so important.

### Status Report by Work Groups

Sally Kandel reported that the *Administrative and Academic Support Costs* workgroup has met once. The role of this workgroup is to evaluate how the overhead costs will be allocated under RCM. They are reviewing accounts by purpose and relevance to each campus and auxiliary. Once the review is finished, they will then determine how costs by account should be allocated.

Cheryl Casper said that the *Budget Advisory Body* workgroup has met twice. The primary focus of their attention has included:

- review and possibly expand on the charge of the workgroup;
- develop a taxonomy of policy and implementation issues that could become part of the charge to any advisory body(ies) established to guide RCM;
- discuss size and composition of membership of advisory bodies, as well as the need for possible *ex officio* administrative members;
- consider possible names for newly established advisory bodies (or revision in names of existing bodies);

- develop a calendar or timetable for annual budget planning cycle (and how it might interface with advisory bodies);
- look at the structure established by peer institutions.

A meeting has been scheduled with Provost Frank to discuss this workgroup's charge and what his expectations will be.

Tim Chandler indicated that the *LER, Honors College, Undergraduate Studies, and Success Challenge* workgroup has met once. They reviewed the charge of the workgroup and have determined that any changes to the current LER makeup will need to be made cautiously and thoughtfully. The workgroup generally agreed the data that currently is available has been helpful but more data on the "cost" side is needed.

Dean Chandler said that an agreed-upon strategy needs to be determined so that some things are not continually evaluated each year. For example, we do not need to review the Library each year to see if it should be funded.

Richard Serpe reported that the *Doctoral and Research Funding* workgroup will meet on June 25. Their focus will be on the funding approach to be adopted in support of doctoral and research initiatives.

#### Discussion with Other RCM Universities

Dr. Creamer said that a video conference with Ohio University will be scheduled soon.

The committee was asked what other universities should be contacted for possible video conferencing. Suggestions are to be sent to Dr. Creamer.

#### Other

Dr. Creamer indicated that more college data is being developed to share with the committee and the deans that hopefully will be useful for the colleges. As mentioned in prior meetings, there will be a great learning curve for deans and department chairs, and it is anticipated that additional information is needed to assist them in their planning and decision-making. It is anticipated that this new data will be ready for the committee to review at the July 10 meeting.

There was a question regarding further discussions with the university community. Dr. Creamer indicated that the committee will reach a point where it will want to go back to Faculty Senate and provide the senators with a progress report. The university community needs to endorse how RCM is implemented.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Budget Review Committee will be on Tuesday, July 10, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the KSC, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference suite.