

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
February 15, 2007
Summary of Meeting

Members present:

Jeffrey Berghoff
Cheryl Casper
Timothy Chandler
David Creamer
John Gosky
Sally Kandel

Maureen Kennedy
Mark Kretovics
Larry Marks
Timothy Martin
Jeff Milam
Nancy Mitchell

Charlene Reed
Richard Rubin
Wayne Schneider
Richard Serpe
Denise Zelko

Bruce Gunning was welcomed as a new member to the committee.

Website

Items to be added to the website include the PowerPoint presentation, summaries of the Budget Review Committee meetings, and feedback received from the presentations to the university community. To date, only one response had been received using the “Send Your Feedback” option. Please let David Creamer know if there are any issues or concerns with the website.

Presentations

As of this date, three presentations have been made to the university community with very good discussion and interest among those in attendance. At one of the presentations a suggestion was made that rather than continue with a committee discussion of values, that parallel groups (i.e., deans, administrators, executive officers) meet to develop the values to be used by the committee. Dean Chandler said that from the deans’ point of view what is needed is an “academic plan”. This is a critical piece for a successful implementation. The discussion also focused on how the committee can help facilitate this. It was agreed that the new provost should be involved in formulating the academic plan however the committee should continue to move forward with its charge.

Faculty Senate Forum

The committee was reminded about the upcoming Faculty Senate Forum scheduled for Monday, February 19 in the Moulton Hall Ballroom. David Creamer, Betsy Boze, Mark Kretovics, and Mary Stansbury will serve on the panel representing the committee.

Meeting with Representatives from Ohio State University

At the committee’s April 5 meeting, representatives from Ohio State University will join the meeting via teleconferencing to discuss RCM. The meeting is being extended by one hour (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) in the Library, room 332. The OSU representatives will give a presentation and then take questions from the committee. If there are any special topics you wish to have discussed, please forward them to Dr. Creamer or Shelley Steinbrecher right away. These topics will then be passed onto the OSU representatives to help them prepare for the meeting.

It was suggested that we also speak with institutions more comparable in size and scope to Kent State. Ohio University was suggested however they are about six months ahead of us and still in the planning phase. Dr. Creamer will contact OU's Provost, Kathy Krendl.

It was also suggested that someone speak with Dean Laura Dzurec, who formerly worked at the University of Connecticut, which uses a form of RCM.

Next Steps

Immediately following spring break, the committee will need to work on its recommendation to President Lefton. He would like to make his decision by the end of spring semester.

There was a discussion about implementation planning and future consultations with the university community. Once a decision is made, going back to the university community for continued consultation is important. It will be helpful in this next phase to collect any concerns and try to respond to them. The committee will want to keep a running dialog on the website so that people can see how the process is moving along.

A question was raised about the increased amount of data and information that will need to be available to the colleges and campuses. Dr. Creamer stated that he and his staff have begun working on how best to meet these needs. It was agreed that some colleges and campuses may need more specific information than others.

Other items discussed included the training and education of staff. This has been talked about at previous committee meetings and will be an ongoing issue. The committee also discussed the fact that the university must be more data driven. Regardless of what budget model we adopt, we need to know which programs are generating more revenue than expense and which are not.

There was discussion about the perception on the part of staff about losing their jobs if the new budget model is adopted. It is too early in the process to answer these questions but it is agreed that staying the course is almost a guarantee for cuts.

The next meeting of the committee will be March 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the KSC, 3rd floor conference suite.