

Budget Advisory Group
Minutes
December 8, 2009, 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Atwood Memorial Center, Glacier Room

Attendees: Bob Beumer, Diana Burlison, John Eggers, Jo Flanders, Dan Gregory, Frank Harrold, Mark Jaede, Sarah Larson, Steve Ludwig, Amos Olagunju, and Leslie Valdes

I. Announcements.

It was shared that Leslie Valdes is the anticipated co-chair of the Budget Advisory Group pending faculty senate approval.

It was reported that since the November State of Minnesota budget forecast has been published by the Minnesota Management & Budget (MMB), the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Chief Financial Officers (CFFO's) were advised that an assumed allocation will be provided once the cost study is reviewed sometime after the first of the year.

St. Cloud State University intends to disseminate information and impact on federal stimulus American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, tuition and any other guidance when it is received. The aggregate budget forecast is known for the State of Minnesota; with this, SCSU can estimate the anticipated allocation within a range. It was noted that Governor Pawlenty made unallotments last year at this time, and because unallotments have not occurred yet, it appears there will not be any in the near future.

It was announced that the November 17, 2009, minutes reflect a couple dollar amount corrections from that meeting.

II. Summary of seminar held on campus with Larry Goldstein of Campus Strategies.

Hand outs from the sessions presented on December 3&4, 2009, by Larry Goldstein, were distributed and are available on the web. (Under the heading of "Presentations" at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/adminaffairs/budget/default.asp>.) It was shared that Larry Goldstein will assemble notes from the sessions including a suggested reading list regarding the budgeting method options he presented; they will then be published on the Administrative Affairs web page. So far the feedback from the presentations has been rather positive. Several options were presented. The Responsibility Centered Management approach is used by a few schools and is increasing in popularity the most right now. Leadership will discuss processes and options realizing that any changes to the current model would be a long term process that would need to be consistent with President Potter's goal of establishing a strong linkage between planning and budgeting.

No other questions or conversations were initiated after the invitation was made to offer any.

III. Carry Forward Publication.

It was shared that the carry forward information is available on the web (<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/adminaffairs/budget/documents/CarryforwardFY09toFY10byVPandDeanfinal.pdf>) and the transfers have been made. It was reflected that the detailed carry forward discussions by vice presidents this year enhanced the understanding of long term effects on the budget, including long term effects regarding potential budgeting process modifications. Upon the question being posed, it was confirmed that the carry forward budgeting process will remain as established.

An attendee noted that the carry forward information on the web did not reflect carry forward dollars for short and long term grant dollars or for a faculty improvement grant. The Interim Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs expressed that that question will be discussed with Provost Malhotra when the schedule allows. Discussion occurred regarding the resulting implications e.g. If the funds were not carried forward, there would be implications regarding the faculty bargaining agreement, or if the funds are intended to be made available, it will have to be determined where those funds will now come from. Steve Ludwig expressed the answer will be pursued and given to the Interim Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs, the attendee who asked the question, as well as made available in the minutes. [The faculty improvement grants mentioned in the meeting will be carried forward.]

An attendee questioned where grant funds are going that have been carried forward for a couple of years and especially what will be done if the grant proposal cannot be fulfilled e.g. not enough faculty/staff. It was shared that those dollars are being cleaned up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Future topics:

Program and Market Based Tuition Reporting Procedures
Assessing Programmatic Fiscal Issues