

Budget and Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2011
Inlow Hall 201

Present: Ken Watson, John Knudson-Martin, Mike Heather, Doug Kaigler, Beth Upshaw, Travis Paulson Tracy Hayes, Katrina Gaines, Ben Stauffer, Shari Carpenter, Pres. Bob Davies, Steve Adkison, Travis Paulson, Darlene Morgan, Andy Ashe, Sue Cain and Teresa Carson-Mastrude

1) Ken Watson called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and also notified the group of a meeting with one of the candidates for Vice President of Finance & Administration on May 16th.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Doug Kaigler moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Second: Tracy Hayes

Action: Motion passed

3) MEETING PURPOSE:

Ken Watson reminded the group that the purpose of this meeting is to give feedback to President Davies and Provost Adkison regarding the Draft Plan that was present to campus on May 2nd.

The first item discussed was the elimination of the Director of IT. President Davies and Provost Adkison noted that they will be meeting with Ken Watson to discuss the Internal Audit of IT that was conducted by OUS. They do not feel that all areas of this report should be made public but that many aspects have been validated. Bob and Steve plan to make a strategic plan for IT and Bob does not foresee a CIO in EOU's plan for the future at this time. It was also noted by Davies and Adkison that the elimination of the IT Director was not to get rid of the current director. To maintain budget restructure, this is one of the positions that will be "flattened". It was noted that this is not an ideal situation and it has raised concerns which are currently being considered. Beth Upshaw noted that she had been contacted by a few administrative faculty and they have concerns about the IT Department not having a director. Steve Adkison noted that he and Darlene Morgan are currently working on leadership for the IT groups. Both President Davies and Provost Adkison assured the group that staff reductions are strategic.

The group then discussed proposed cuts to programs. Beth expressed to the group that Education and Business had been making strategic cuts to programs in their programs in the past so they are a bit leaner than CAS at this point. Members of the group noted that there is a feeling that CAS is being "gutted". Provost Adkison assured them that this is not the case as all programs have not been utilized or engaged with the mission of EOU.

Steve and Bob both noted that responses from all areas has been very thoughtful even though this is a very trying time for EOU. President Davies also noted that administration has taken some very deep cuts in the past and is extremely lean at this point.

President Davies discussed with the group the ERIP which has been offered to tenured faculty over a certain age.

The group discussed concerns regarding the cuts to the Security Department. President Davies noted that others have brought up concerns and these will be looked at.

At the end of the discussion, the committee drafted the following statement in regards to the Draft Plan.

The committee recognizes and honors the sincere transparency of the budget reposition process.

Motion: A motion was made by Doug Kaigler to approve the statement.

Second: Beth Upshaw

Discussion: None

Action: Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1: 25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Carson-Mastrude