

Budget & Planning Committee
Inlow Hall 201
May 18, 2015

Present: Ken Watson, Angie Scott, Angie Adams, Gerri Silveria, Steve Tanner, David Lageson, Jeff Carman, Lara Moore, Sue Cain, Farooq Sultan and Teresa Carson-Mastrude

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Minutes from the April 21, 2015 meeting were approved.

Enrollment Update

Farooq reported to the group that at this point, enrollment for Spring 2015 is down 15% and Summer 2015 is trending down at approx. -11%. According to data, EOU can expect to end-7% overall.

In looking at current information, Farooq is predicting another decline for Fall 2015. Admissions processors working hard to process applications and new fee remissions could help bring the numbers up.

VP Lara Moore reported to the group that Sarah Witte has been meeting with several campus groups and making a presentation regarding enrollment information and the fact that all of campus should be involved in recruiting and retention.

Projections

Vice President Lara Moore reported to the group that EOU is on track to end the fiscal year better than was projected. The tuition increase in online tuition, savings on personnel where vacancies had not been filled and some extra funding from the chancellor's office have helped with EOU's overall position for the year. Funding for the next fiscal year could be more than projected due to an increase in funding from the state. It is hoped that enrollment will be flat at worst next year which would help increase the fund balance. Sarah Witte has been meeting with various campus groups regarding the need for all of EOU to work on recruitment and retention.

Tuition

(See attached)President Kenton has been engaged in process with students/faculty/staff regarding proposed tuition increases. Kenton feels that EOU's prices are artificially low and that EOU needs to balance cost/price. The proposed increase is approx. \$100 per term and also a proposed differential tuition for Business majors. The proposal goes before the EOU Board of Trustees on June 4 for endorsement and the OUS Board on June 5 for approval.

PERS

The projected increase to EOU in PERS costs is approx. 4% per year.

Food Services Contract

Sodexo has been selected as the new food vendor for campus. Their contract will begin in August.

Facilities

David Lageson discussed with the group the damage to buildings from heavy rainfall on May 14th. Thanks to facilities and library staff, the damage was far less that it could have been. A claim for damages is being filed with insurers.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

(See attached). The proposed changes to the policy will go to University Council for approval on June 9.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be June 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Teresa Carson-Mastrude