**Budget & Planning/TAC Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Zoom Meeting**

**April 26th, 2022**

**3:15pm**

Vitor Pedrosa called the meeting to order at 3:16pm

**Present:** Vitor Pedrosa, Lyle Henderson, Linda Jerofke, Karyn Gomez, Tony Tovar, Kris Martens, Tressa Seydel, Cedric Riel, Isaac Insko, Emily Adams, Jeff Carmon, Helen Moore, and Alexa Jamison

**Ex-Officio:** Lara Moore and LeeAnn Case

**Others:** John Garlitz, Jeremy Jones, Beth Upshaw, Anji Weisenflugh, Jordan Withers, Lacy Karpilo, Toni Crites, Peter Geissinger and Tonya Evans

**Absent:**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of March 29th, 2022 Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion:** Helen Moore moved to approve the minutes as presented.

**Second:** Lyle Henderson

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Motion passed

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Proposed Room and Board increase**

Jeremy David Jones presented the proposed 3% room & board rate increase. He stated that while we would like to keep fees low, increasing costs and upcoming maintenance needs and forecasted improvements make rate increases necessary. He spoke directly to Sodexo requesting a 3.4% increase (which is much lower than other universities) and the $5.9 million in housing improvements that we will be investing over the next few years. We are currently working on improvements such as new windows and concrete work. Jeremy stated that remaining flat is not sustainable.

**Questions:**

There seems to be a concern about decreased enrollment. How do you see these numbers being accurate?

*Based on the forecasted freshman numbers. We will only move forward on improvements if funding is available*

Should we be looking at improvements when the forecast is low enrollment?

*VP Moore explained that we have to plan a long way in the future because it takes time to get funding through. She stated that we don’t want to be in a situation where enrollment is up and we aren’t ready to move on our improvement needs.*

Vitor stated that he is not in favor of increased room & board fees when enrollments are predicted to continue to fall through 2030 (per HECC).

Helen spoke in support of the fee increase in order to maintain our buildings, but not to build new at this time.

**Motion:** Lyle Henderson moved to approve the room & board increase

**Second:** Helen Moore

**Vote on Room and Board fee increase- 11 yes/1 no**

**-Student Health rate increase**

VP Karpilo shared the proposed $15 Student Health fee increase. She explained that this is based on decreased enrollment, increased salaries and an increased OHSU contract.

**Questions:**

Do students who have insurance pay student health fees?

*Fees are waved for those students who never come to campus*

*Lacy shared some student health usage numbers with the committee.*

Is Student Health not self-supported?

*The fund is currently running with a cash deficit. Expenditures exceed the annual revenue.*

**Motion:** Vitor moved to approve the $15 Student Health fee

**Second:** Cedric Riel

**Vote on Student Health fee increase- 11 yes/1 abstain**

**Tuition & Fees Increase Proposal**

AVP Case reported that there had been no changes to the tuition proposal since the last presentation. The proposal includes a 4.9% increase for resident on campus, non-resident on campus and WUE students who pay 150% of the resident rate. Online resident rate would also increase by 4.9% while the off campus nonresident rate would increase by 4.25%. Graduate rates would go up 2.5%. She also explained the proposed differential for business and computer science.

LeeAnn stated that our goal continues to be:

* + Maintain the best value amongst all Oregon public universities
  + Build and maintain our financial stability
  + Serve our local regions

AVP Case reported that without the tuition increase, we are looking at a $3.5-million-dollar budget deficit and though not our first choice, one of the ways we can mitigate that gap is to implement a tuition and fee increase. She spoke to the need for us to decrease the use of our fund balance in order to meet the 20-25% minimum EOU Board goal level.

By initiating the tuition increases, we would move the budget deficit, which does not include salaries for faculty and administrative professionals, to $2.1 million.

**Questions:**

We want to be competitive but when Western and Southern appear to be implementing lower increases, our Best Value is put in question.

*VP Moore explained that from what she is hearing, both are struggling with enrollment and are hoping that a low increase will increase #s.*

*AVP Case also stated that they both received more state funding than EOU.*

Helen stated that while she hates to see the increase, she doesn’t want us to deplete our fund balance.

Vitor expressed his concern of adding a CS differential as he doesn’t believe the program is very rigorous.

*VP Moore explained that the group could approve presentation to the board with a notation of the disagreement of a CS differential.*

Where did the CS differential come from?

*VP Moore explained that it should have been put in place in 2015 along with the business differential.*

**Motion:** Vitor moved to approve proposal with notation to decline the recommended CS differential

**Second:** Cedric Riel

**Vote on Tuition & Fee increase- 9 yes/ 2 no/ 1 abstention**

**Budget Request Presentations**

**-Anji Weissenfluh-Athletics, Budget increase request**

*-Wrestling floating subfloor-will absorb impact and reduce injury*

*-Softball scoreboard-old one is 27 years old and needs replaced*

*-Hire a Strength & Conditioning coach- help prevent injury*

**Questions:**

Would the Strength and Conditioning Coach be available to all students?

*This person would be available to those taking weightlifting*

**Safety & Security Budget increase request-Jim Hoffman**

*Requesting to hire two (2) part-time Campus Patrol positions*

**Colleges Budget Requests**

*College of Business requested a change to the Fire Services Advisor (11 to 12 months)*

*College of Education requested a change to the position of Compliance & Licensure (11 to 12 months)*

*CSTMHS requested a plagiarism checker for STMHS. There was discussion if the amount requested was for the life of the agreement or if it was an annual amount. Jeff confirmed it would cost $6,000 annually.*

*CAHSS requested an increased budget for operations of Nightingale Gallery*

**The President’s Office**

*Requesting an increase for travel. Board meetings are over 2 days rather than one long day.*

Vitor will schedule the next meeting

Adjourned at 5:13PM

Respectfully Submitted

Tonya Evans