

Budget Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Terry Leist
Jim Rimpau
Don Mathre
Wendy Stock
Anne Camper
David Court

Martha Potvin
Chris Fastnow
Jeff Jacobsen
Joel Schumacher
Kiah Abbey
Jeanne Wilkinson

Jim Luebbers, guest
Megan Bergstedt, guest
Kathy Attebury, guest
Maggie McFadden, guest
Grant Jamieson, guest

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

III. Information/Announcements/Updates

The fall enrollment is 14,660. This is up 663 FTE over last fall. A request for additional budget authority from the Board of Regents is required due to higher enrollment than budgeted.

In discussing the rebasing of state budget allocations, the final \$3M transfer of the original 3 year commitment will not be made to UM and will be retained in MSU's base bud get.

Wendy Stock, from the Budget Council Working Group, updated the Council on the group's discussion on how the unallocated revenue was to be spent. The group proposed \$2M (\$1.4M from unallocated revenue, \$0.6M from strategic investment proposal base funds) to be allocated to Academic Affairs to hire tenure track faculty. However, the stipulation of using the funds only for faculty hires was clarified as not being a Budget Council decision.

Provost Potvin gave an update on the Academic Affairs strategic plan and expects it will drive their budget decisions, including allocating a portion of base dollars to departments that are in need. There still needs to be conversation on fund prioritization in the institutions plan that relate to Academic Affairs and how they support the university's strategic plan. Discussion took place on faculty concerns on the shortage of tenure track faculty. One solution given was converting non-tenure track faculty lines to tenure track lines, without tying the unallocated funds by specifying where it's used.

IV. Current Business

For the Strategic Investment Proposals (SIP) Assessment Plans, it was proposed to have an informal assessment after year 1 with a formal assessment after 2 years. Megan Bergstedt suggested the assessment be formal earlier on, instead of allowing the program to continue under false hope. The assessment should be completed within that program area by the Dean, Department Head or VP and Director level. It was advised the allocated money for the programs are reviewed for accuracy. Megan agreed it can be tracked, working with departments to do so. Recurring base from SIP projects will be tracked and after the first year, updates will be expected from the proposers.

At the November Board of Regents meeting, MSU will be asking for additional budget authority due to the increase in enrollment. The amount at this time is \$3.2M. The money may be allocated as follows:

\$900K	Faculty salary adjustments
\$600k	Academic program and operation support
\$300k	Campus safety
\$200k	Search costs for faculty
\$100K	Open MSU initiatives
\$100K	Retention and graduation (Student Success)
\$100K	Graduate and international student recruitment

Kathy Attebury distributed a handout which showed the investments which have been made to Academic Affairs (program 1 and 4) in the last two fiscal years.

Academic Affairs will be receiving \$2M, it was noted that next fall Academic Affairs will have hired 34 new faculty members upon support of the Provost, to proceed with the strategic plan. A suggestion was made for a commitment of \$2M for immediate use by Academic Affairs. Then, department heads can hold discussions with the Provost on how to allocate the funds.

Terry Leist moved to approve \$2M to be allocated to Academic Affairs, with \$1.4M immediately and \$600K from BOR approval (if not approved, take from the allocation for the SIP process), going to the President as a recommendation. Chris Fastnow seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-4.

Provost Potvin and Chris Fastnow will work to gather benchmarking data and ask the Deans to compile lists of faculty needs.

The meeting was adjourned.