UNIVERSITY PLANNING BUDGET AND ANALYSIS COMMITTEE (UPBAC)
May 1, 2007

PARTICIPANTS

Members Present:
David Dooley  Warren Jones  Shelley McKamey  Carl Fox
Bruce Morton  Susan Agre-Kippenhan  Doralyn Rossmann
Jim Rimpau  Larry Baker  Jeff Jacobsen  Allen Yarnell
Sue Leigland  Robert Marley  Elizabeth Nichols

Members Absent:
Richard Semenik  George Tuthill  Connie Talbott  Shannon Taylor
Tom McCoy  Craig Roloff  Jeanne Wagner  Rolf Groseth
Teagan Malloy

Others present:
Kathy Attebury  Chris Fastnow  Adele Pittendrigh  Greg Young
Joseph Fedock  Jeff Adams  Clyde Carroll

• Retention Initiatives – Recommendations from SPOC

  ➢ #1 Reduce the size of English 121
    · Rationale presented could be true for all courses
    · Performance in English 121 considered key to student success
    · Should we do more than just reduce class size?
    · Cost of $80,000 phased in over 3 years
      - $28,000 in FY08
      - $28,000 in FY09
      - $24,000 in FY10

  ➢ #2 Math Learning Center in residence halls
    · Building on model established by Writing Center
    · Cost of $15,000 for biennium

  ➢ #3 Supplemental Instruction
    · Chem 121 and Chem 131
    · Cost of $22,000 for biennium

  ➢ #4 Out-of-class experience for Freshmen Seminar classes
    · Difference of opinion on value of this item
    · Unknown whether this would increase student retention
    · Suggestion that it be voluntary for faculty instructors to participate
    · Cost of $44,000 for biennium

  ➢ #5 Educate and motivate faculty (Faculty/Advisor Toolkit)
    · Cost of $2,500
- Biennial total for all requests: $139,500
  - This represents a very small percentage of the total budget
  - SPOC does not anticipate forwarding additional items for consideration
  - These funds will come from MSU’s general operating budget
  - Concern expressed regarding lack of IT initiatives for students
    - Trying to make a personal connection with students
    - Academic Affairs will be reviewing the addition of on-line courses
    - Meet needs of students in a variety of instructional settings
    - Technology should be user-friendly for faculty
  - Establish meaningful reward structure for faculty advising

- Motion made to accept items 1-5 with a total biennial cost of $139,500
  - Friendly amendment: Yarnell/Young to fund item 4 ($44,000 for biennium) with possible assistance from Roloff
  - Friendly amendment accepted
  - Motion seconded
  - Cost for biennium: $95,500
  - Will track effectiveness of these initiatives
  - Vote: unanimous in favor with one abstention

- Other items for discussion
  - Modification of dependent fee waiver - make more friendly to faculty and staff.
    - This must be negotiated with unions and with BOR
    - Trying to improve resident FTE
  - Discussion of no-cost items
  - Modification of withdrawal policy
    - National data demonstrates that tougher withdrawal policies increase retention and degree completion
    - Joe Fedock with pursue this issue through Assistant Deans’ Council