URC Meeting Minutes Friday, May 6, 2016 1:30 p.m.

CAB 338



ATTENDEES	Cynthia Matson, Darrell Morrison, Michael Sala, Stephanie Carbajal, Jo Anna Benavides-Franke, Stefanie Wittenbach, Edward Westermann, Holly Verhasselt, Elizabeth Murakami, Lorri Webb, Corinna Ross, Sherita Love, Steven Olswang, Dr. Eric Cooper, Nan Palmero
ABSENT	Eugene Ramirez

- I. Call to order
 - a. Darrell Morrison opened the meeting at 1:33 p.m.
- II. General Overview
 - a. Phase I Budget has been approved by the board
 - b. URC will make recommendations to the president
 - c. Review
 - i. Budget Priorities
 - ii. Operating Revenue Budget
 - 1. Conservative estimate on Tuition and Fees
 - 2. 2.2% increase on University Service Fees
 - 3. Raised cap from 14 FTE's to 15 FTE's
 - iii. Operating Expenditures Budget
 - 1. Merit is contingent on fall enrollment
 - 2. \$ 2,085,450 available for allocation after compensation, debt service, scholarships and service contracts/utilities
- III. Academic Affairs Requests presented by Dr. Steven Olswang
 - a. Positions that were filled under comprehensive expansion are already budgeted for
 - b. Includes new positions, travel, software and tutors in each college, institutional research and library
 - c. Adds the cost increases for database use
 - d. Addition of cybersecurity lab
 - e. Includes accreditations in College of Business and College of Education & Human Development
 - f. Reserve for Faculty Travel
- IV. Student Affairs Requests presented by Dr. Eric Cooper
 - a. Student Engagement & Success
 - i. Requests include new positions, programming, professional development and software needed for incoming freshman. Also includes a Witte Museum institutional membership for students, staff and faculty.
 - b. University College
 - i. Requests includes additions to infrastructure, programming, new positions, travel, scholarships.
 - ii. Scholarships-President's Leadership Class
 - iii. Further inquiry was made on the Second Year Transition Coordinator and Success Coaches
 - 1. Coordinator position would bridge first year office and student academic success
 - 2. Five Student Success Coaches would be sure students transition at each year
 - 3. Operations and Maintenance costs for student academic success center are added to purchase testing materials
 - iv. Education Advisory Board- software to track students and pulls information from Banner

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- 1. Phasing out Retention Pro Software
- 2. Also replaces Tutor Track and SARS
- 3. EAB will also Benefit Institutional Research

V. Enrollment Requests

- a. Include financial literacy and default management system services now that we are separate from Kingsville and accepting FAFSA starting in October
- b. Several new positions
- c. Financial aid supplies including postage
- d. Travel
- e. Three coordinators for the Center for Experiential Learning (Faculty)
 - i. Comments were made in regards to the need for three coordinators. Should the Director handle these duties until we are larger?
- f. Student Media Program Website- Student request from The Mesquite Newspaper
- VI. Business Affairs Requests presented by Darrell Morrison
 - a. Computer refresh program- Classrooms and students will now have priority
 - b. Professional Development in Contracts Management and Human Resources
- VII. University Advancement Requests presented by Nan Palmero
 - a. Promotion materials
 - b. University Vehicle for marketing
 - c. Travel and professional development
 - d. Student Assistants
 - e. Requests will need to be approved by new VP for Advancement once he arrives
- VIII. Summary of Requests
 - a. Budget office will continue to narrow down priorities by division
 - IX. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 18th at 4 p.m.
 - a. Committee requests:
 - i. Percentages by area
 - ii. Include an organizational chart for each division
 - iii. Phase I Requests for downward expansion
 - iv. Color code
 - 1. Blue for what was covered under downward expansion
 - 2. Red for new requests, etc.
 - X. Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.