

University Resources Commission

September 10, 2018
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Modular Building 108

Attendees Denis Cano, Lloyd Butler, Chris Leach, Eric Cooper, Deanna Reynolds, Marissa Lyssy, Sharon Otholt, John Smith, Margie Vasquez, Claire Nolasco, Brandon Oliver, Edwin Blanton, Brian Brantley, Jane Mims, Joseph Simpson, Anthony Medina, Mike O'Brien, Nancy Larson, William Spindle

Absent Dennis Elam, Pablo Calafiore

Summary

1. Introductions
 - a. Group introductions led by Dr. Spindle
 - b. Regular meetings to take place the second Monday of each month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.
 - c. Next URC meeting will focus on budget processes and will be led by Lloyd Butler.
2. URC Charge and Membership
 - a. The commission reviewed the charge and membership for FY19.
 - b. A summarized review of the memorandum by President Matson, dated May 2, 2018, was done and participants were encouraged to read and review the tables in the memorandum.
3. Revised FY19 Budget
 - a. Slower Enrollment Growth: One area of focus is the difference between the anticipated FY19 enrollment rate and the actual enrollment data. Actual enrollment for FY19 was significantly less than anticipated, resulting in less financial resources, and thus, a financial difference between anticipated funds and actual funds. To gain a better understanding of how budgeting works, the Dr. Spindle conducted a quick review of how formula and non-formula funding works.
 - b. Formula funding is tied to enrollment numbers on an FTSE (full-time student equivalent) basis. Sources of Non-formula funding include transitional funding, which supports institutions with less than 6,000FTSE; downward expansion funding, which covers institutions expanding to include freshman and sophomore college students; and institutional enhancement funding.
 - c. Two sources of expenditures were also covered: recurring (i.e. salaries) and non-recurring (i.e. furniture purchase) expenditures.
 - d. There is an excess of available recurring revenue, however, the President has requested the expenses not be budgeted against it in anticipation of potential decreases in non-formula funding by the State of Texas.
4. Capital Plan Update

- a. A quick review of capital plans included the following notes:
 - i. Approximately \$6M was saved in the Science and Technology Building due to changes in steel prices. That savings was reinvested in the building by adding additional building to the existing (new) building.
 - ii. The possibility of a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (i.e. situation room) is being considered at the request of the Texas A&M System.
 - iii. The possibility of a University House is being considered at the request of the System Chancellor
 - b. Regents have approved funding for the network infrastructure upgrade and this project is anticipated to be completed by 2019.
5. Upcoming Events
- a. LBB Presentation September 17: As a Texas institution, Dr. Matson and Dr. Spindle regularly meet with state government leadership to vouch for A&M-SA. Dr. Matson will be presenting to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) September 17.
 - b. Monthly URC meetings: future URC meetings will take place the second Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in Modular 108.