

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Attendance: *Co-Chairs Gebe Ejigu and Dave Curtis*, President Maimon, Linda Buyer, Shannon Dermer, David Diers, Robert Donaldson, Rupert Evans, Judy Ferneau, Carmin Garnica, Jim Howley, Rosemary Hulett, Maribeth Kasik, Gary Lyon, Eric Martin, Joe Matula, Kathy Miller, Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Daniel Nearing, Charles Nolley, Jeff Slovak, and Karen Stuenkel

Handouts:

1. Agenda
2. FY2010 Operating Budget Request

I. Update on State Budget

President Maimon opened the meeting by providing an update on developments with appropriations. On the capital side, GSU's E&F wing project is in capital bill for \$22.6 million. GSU has tremendous support from various members of the General Assembly. The governor has not signed the capital bill yet, but is expected to do so in the very near future.

On the operations side, five bills were passed by the Assembly. One of them was funding for higher education. The bill as passed by the Assembly provides for an increase for each public university of 1.5% over FY09 levels, including Federal stimulus money in that total. This bill, too, has not yet been signed by the governor, but that action is also expected in the near future.

Several things remain items of serious concern, among them:

- The Federal stimulus money included in the appropriation is "one time" money which will not be available again in FY11.
- Usually 3-5% reserve is requested of state agencies during fiscally troubled times. This morning, it was announced that the governor has suggested that all state agencies and public universities hold back 10-20% for emergencies. This announcement does not constitute a rescission like the one we experienced in FY09, but it could easily turn into a rescission as the year progresses.
- MAP funding for scholarships for Illinois college students was only appropriated for an estimated six months of coverage, and not for a full year. GSU students typically receive about \$1.8 million of assistance through the MAP Program, so this is a major concern.

What does all of this mean for GSU strategically? We have to be prudent about our expenditures. As President Maimon testified at the appropriations hearings held by the General Assembly, GSU is investing in enrollment growth and retention, and the budget recommendations offered by PBAC need to reflect that overall strategy. This will link GSU's mission to GSU's financial health.

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This is the fourth PBAC FY10 Budget Meeting. Ejigu and Curtis have met with Slovak to discuss budget proposals. Recommendations have been developed and presented to the president, so that she can be aware of the general direction of the discussion in PBAC. They have not been approved by President Maimon; said approval awaits the formal recommendations of PBAC.

II. Review of Draft Recommendations

Slovak thanked Denise Jones for all her hard work. Slovak began reviewing the FY2010 Operating Budget Request (three page document).

- Page1 contained the requests which amounted to approximately \$4.4 million more than the is projected to be available for allocation. One key assumption in the recommendation is for a 3% hold back of \$858,300, to meet the need for possible rescissions.
- Page 2 listed the centrally managed accounts for which allocations have been reduced relative to the amounts allocated in FY09.
- Page 3 showed the requests from May 18 and May 19 and the recommendations offered by the Budget Office.

FY10 recommendations:

- Advancement will receive a 4.3% increase in funds, primarily for the GSU history wall, programming for the 40th anniversary and a marketing study.
- The Office of the Provost will receive a 3.1% increase, primarily to cover the costs to be incurred by the visit of the HLC in the autumn for reaffirmation of accreditation.
- The Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs will receive an increase of 4.4%, almost completely for ITS. The funds are intended to keep GSU current on license purchases and maintenance and to replace some ITS equipment. GSU is about to engage the services of a consultant to examine the ERP system. An additional \$200, 000 was set aside from funds generated by the Technology Fee to upgrade computers in the ACS lab, the smart classrooms, and some other small public spaces.
- The Office of the Vice Provost for Research Graduate Studies is under-staffed. The recommendation offered for FY10 is intended to provide additional infrastructure for that office so as to assist faculty in their search for extramural funding.
- CAS – Fund for two new faculty positions are included in the recommendation.
- CBPA – Funds for new faculty and funding for pre-candidacy status for the AACSB are included in the recommendation.
- COE – Funds to support the pursuit of NCATE reaccreditation are included in the recommendation, as is money from the Strategic Initiative Fee for a COE Learning Resource Center.
- CHHS – Funds are included for one new faculty position and for renovation of space for nursing laboratories.

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- University Library – The entire request for new money of \$ 75,000 has been recommended so as to help rebuild the collection.
- Student Affairs – Funds for a community college transfer specialist and for materials to better market the dual-admission option are included in the recommendation.
- Facilities Development and Management – An allocation of \$100,000 to fund infrastructure repairs and to reduce the backlog of deferred maintenance projects is included in the recommendation.
- Institutional Research - Funds for a new position, an institutional research analyst, are included in the recommendation.
- Human Resources – Funds are included to support a staff training program.

One Time Funded Requests funded from fees:

- Classroom Furniture Upgrade – This is the second of a three-phase initiative to replace old classroom furniture.
- Business Process Reengineering - This project, to go hand-in-hand with the evaluation of the ERP system, should help to streamline our labor intensive business processes by utilizing web based electronic systems.
- Department of Public Safety – A one-time allocation of \$100,000 for safety/security enhancement is included in the recommendations.

III. Discussion and Adoption of FY10 Budget Recommendations

Motion to adopt FY10 budget recommendations:

- Donaldson moved the adoption of the FY10 budget recommendation and Hulett seconded the motion.

Everyone was thanked for their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned.