April 13, 2006
Meeting started at 3:00pm
Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm

Attendees: Chip Barksdale, Faye Borthick, Michelle Brattain, Margo Brinton, Laura Burtle, Cheryl Delk, Peggy Gallagher, Lynda Thomas-Goodfellow, Hugh Hudson, Charlene Hurt, Anthony Roberts, Mary Morris, Bruce Pilling, Jeffery Rupp, Jerry Rackcliffe, Frank Whittington, Frank Williams

Agenda

No outlined agenda. This meeting was designated as an informational session, led by Provost Ron Henry, to give updates and to review expectations for the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Provost Henry started with background information on the budget. The budget has not been balanced since fiscal year 2003. Revenue shortfalls have come primarily by the way of reduced credit hour generation.

In fall 2003, we had the largest enrollment of students (28,000 students). Since then, we have dropped in 2600 students. Consequently in this fiscal year (FY 06), we are $10.9 million behind what we anticipated. The provost recommends we take about a 2% ($6 million) cut; FACP will determine where those cuts will fall. The issue essentially is credit hours; they represent 95% of our income.

We need to increase our credit hours by taking in and retaining more students. Graduate student hours generate more money in the formula. Units must act aggressively on the retention of undergraduate students; we have the potential to generate an additional 5,000 credit hours through increased retention. We have the room and capacity to accommodate these students based on the record enrollment in 2003.

In regards to the science teach lab building, because of our financial obligations to the project, we have less flexibility with contingency funds.

Provost Henry opened the floor to questions. Discussion followed.

Chairman Hudson turned the meeting back to Provost Henry in addressing how FACP may approach cuts with regards to colleges and support units. Provost Henry discussed possible ways the cut could happen.

Chairman Hudson turned the meeting over to Jerry Rackliffe. Jerry Rackliffe passed out a spreadsheet of budget consideration scenarios for fiscal years 2007-2011. He discussed and reviewed revenues and expenditures line by line. Some highlighted points were tuition increases, changes in credit card payment options for tuition, and benefits from a new Henry County campus.

The floor was open to any additional questions. Following discussion, the meeting was adjourned