
President Patton reported on the recent visit of the Board of Regents to campus when they held their April meeting in the Student Center. The visit included a tour of Kell Hall to show the need for a new teaching lab building. Provost Henry discussed the budget situation, stating that this year they were able to balance the books, but next year our budget deficit will be $5.9 million unless the Chancellor can do something with the formula. Contingency plans will be worked on during the summer and fall. This deficit comes half from our share of the loss of credit hours and half based on our percent of the overall budget.

The Executive Committee unanimously supported Dr. De Castro's motion to re-elect Hugh Hudson as Chair of the Committee for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Ph.D. program in Computer Science was discussed. It was late getting to APACE to get Senate approval. It is a much needed program, has had public hearings and approval by APACE. It was recommended that the Executive Committee provide a "do pass" and then it would go to the Provost and then to the Board of Regents. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Concern was expressed about assistance which should be provided for faculty in planning for retirement. It was agreed that Fred Jacobs and Hugh Hudson would talk with Ron Henry and report back to the Executive Committee. Also discussed were the topic of internal grants and the possibility of increasing them by 15% and including this in the strategic plan for Research and Sponsored Programs when the new Vice President arrives. The Budget Committee and the Research Committee both endorse this proposal.

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