

University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

March 16, 2007

Chancellor's Conference Room

Members Present:

John Danley	Pug Edmonds (chair)	Scott Gluntz
Julia Hansen	Jesse Harris	George Ladd
Susan Morgan	John Navin	Kathleen Tunney
Josh Smucker	Jay Starratt	Vaughn Vandegrift
Bill Winter		

Members Not Present: Jane Gillespie, Joe Loring and Carl Mitchell

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

II. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes of March 2, 2007

The minutes of March 2, 2007 stand as read.

IV. Announcements

A. Chancellor's Announcements.

1. **Enrollment.** Applications for entering freshmen are up 1,000 over this time last year. The pool is up among minority applications as well.
2. **National Corn to Ethanol.** House bill 1313 has been introduced by Representative Jay Hoffman. The bill would provide funding to support the operation and maintenance of the ethanol facility on campus.
3. **State of Illinois - Budget.** The Governor announced his budget recommendations this week, including a 1.9% increase for higher education. The budget includes a one-time \$2.1 million for the SIUE School of Pharmacy. The capital budget includes \$69 million for a new science building at SIUE.
4. **State of Illinois – Hearings.** The Chancellor appeared last week before a House budget committee regarding the budget for SIUE. The Chancellor is scheduled to appear next week before a Senate budget committee.

5. **SIU – Board of Trustees.** The SIU BOT has requested from SIUE a list of FY '08 anticipated revenue sources and expenditure needs. Bill Winter will present this at the UPBC meeting on March 30 for consideration.

B. Other Announcements

1. **President's Town Hall Meeting.** Since President Poshard's Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for next Friday at 10:00 a.m. at SIUE, the Chair is canceling next week's UPBC meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting.

2. **Proposed Graduate Assistant Partial Tuition Waivers.** The Chair reported on discussions with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the Provost's Office about the Graduate Council's proposal to institute partial tuition waivers for part-time graduate assistants and use the revenue to increase graduate student stipends. It is the Council's wish that the tuition policy (change to the revenue stream) and stipend increase (new expenditure need) be split apart for separate policy consideration. Discussions are ongoing.

V. Old Business

1. The Council continued to discuss priorities for RAMP '09. Starrat moved and Gluntz seconded that the only request for RAMP FY '09 be for full funding of Phase IV implementation of the Pharmacy program at \$2.5 million. Given the recent and upcoming changes in FY'08 funding possibilities, the consensus of the group was that more precise ranking of the remaining proposals beyond that of the 02 March meeting was not useful at this time.

VI. New Business

1. The Council discussed whether it had anything to contribute to the discussion of the BRIDGE proposals. The sense of the Council is that it is probably premature to expect specific budgetary implications to be considered. Moreover, since none of the proposals now being discussed raise required hours, it is most likely that any new proposal should be revenue neutral.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the UPBC is Friday, March 30, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.