

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m., 12/9/10

- The minutes of the BAC meeting on 11/11/10 were approved. They may be shared with others outside the committee as necessary.
 - Diane Newton made a note of clarification regarding the absence of the Financial Services members of the BAC for the 11/11/10 meeting– Mary Kay Dunaway was out sick that day, and Terri Canino and Leslie Chronister were attending the Veteran’s Day activities per Diane’s request.
- Diane Newton went over two handouts: the Cash Position Statement and the Operating Summary.
 - Cash Position Statement – as of 11/30/10
 - Net cash position at this time is \$38.8 million; compared to \$19.93 million at this time last year, \$6.2 million at this time in 2008 and -\$3.8 million at this time in 2007, it is easy to see how much tremendous progress has been made.
 - Row 12, Column K shows a \$5 million deficit in Grants/Contracts – this is where UCA had to front the money for the lottery scholarships while waiting for this money to arrive from the lottery. Grants/Contracts will be refunded when the money arrives.
 - Lines 9, 10 & 11 show the cash we have for our operating budget – as of 11/30, this amount totaled \$18.7 million. We must make this last until the money from Spring tuition and fees comes in.
 - The scholarship money that was not awarded this fall will need to be used to cover the shortfall in tuition revenue. It is not available to be budgeted elsewhere.
 - Overall – we’re in a good cash position
 - Operating Summary – as of 11/30/10
 - We are within budget in spite of the tuition revenue shortfall. This is mostly because all of the available scholarship money was not awarded.
 - Accounting changes that have been made from last year to this year are explained in the notes (change in how athletic fee is shown, etc.)

- Transfers (In. 18) include anything that goes to an entity other than the operating budget

● Comparison of Peer Institution Information

- Lynn Burley distributed handouts with a bit of peer institution information she gathered on average faculty salaries.
- Information gathered compares 16 peer institutions

● Strategic Planning Initiatives

- The top vote-getter at the most recent Strategic Planning meeting was that the University act with transparency at all levels – the Budget Advisory Committee falls in line with that sentiment by ensuring that the University community has a voice in how UCA's money is budgeted and spent.
- The BAC should look into the other top vote-getters because so many of them would involve budgetary planning in order to become realities (on-campus childcare, etc.).

● The issue of which fees are charged to which students was discussed. Should all study abroad students, online students, etc. pay the same fees as strictly on-campus students? The Board determines this, but it is an issue about which many have questions.

● The Sponsored Programs Committee has been reactivated and will be addressing grant issues such as changing premiums during the summer months for 10-month faculty.

● Bear Hall

- The skyboxes are entirely funded through private funds, and the residence hall portion is funded through bonds.
- Once the residence hall is operational, the Housing budget will pay its maintenance and debt service.
- The groundbreaking ceremony for this residence hall will be 12/17/10 at 2:00 p.m.

● Our bond rating is currently A3 with a stable outlook.

● 107 Chinese students are planning to come to UCA for the Spring semester pending the issue of their Visas. Tuition and housing revenue from these students will have a positive impact on UCA's revenue for the year.

- The Career Service bonuses and raises for non-classified staff and faculty will be coming through.
 - UCA has been given permission by the state to give pay increases to classified employees as well. We have not yet made the determination of whether we will be able to fund the raises and must find the budget money to be able to do so.
 - Most other state universities will be implementing these raises; however, they have the funding sources necessary to do so.
- Dr. Meadors would like to get us in the 18-19% range on scholarships and 15,000 maximum enrollment.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.