

University of Central Arkansas

RESPONSIBLE UCA COMMITTEE (Cost Containment)

MINUTES October 9, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM in Wingo Hall 210, by Diane Newton, Chair.

Attendees Present:

Diane Newton, Chair
Laura Young, Administrative/Faculty Representative
Bunny Adcock, Board Member/Community Representative
Francie Bolter, Faculty Senate Representative
Larry Lawrence, Administrative Representative
Linda Lentz, Budget Office Representative

Absent:

Chad Hearne, Staff Senate Representative/Staff Representative

Guests:

Dr. Steve Runge scheduled to speak, prior meeting ran over, unable to attend.

Discussions Items:

- Larry Lawrence - Angie Howard becoming a member of the Responsible UCA Committee as a representative from the community.
- Should have the names of the new student committee members will be named for the next meeting.
- Approved minutes from May 18, 2012 have been posted to the RU website
- Diane handed out the Legislative Cost Containment Report (Summary of Cost Containment Measures September 2011-June 2012)
 - Report was discussed in length regarding Cost Containment Rec Impl, Cost Containment appoint and Reg Meet, Loan Default Rate 2009, Tuition & Fee Increase 2012-13 Number of Online Courses available, Total Number of Full Undergrad Degrees Online, Number Full Degrees Online, Total Number Full Graduate Degrees Online, Annualized Fall Tuition In/Out State, Revenue Producing Contracts, Undergrad and Grad Enrollment Fall 2011; Hard Bid Construction Projects greater than or equal to \$25,000 from 2006-2011; Cost Containment Website.
 - UCA has 17% Adjuncts - Question: Are adjuncts a cost savings, are students getting same quality of education, is there a difference per institution
 - Higher Ed - Dec 2011 Report - Cost does support full time positions
 - Tradeoffs between adjuncts and fulltime - easier to adjust adjuncts schedule than fulltime
 - UCA pay is highest - \$2600 per semester per class for adjuncts.
 - How is adjunct defined? Per Laura they are part-time
 - October 30th - next meeting with Higher Education
 - International Tuition - we charge in-state rate if they live on campus; we waive out of state rate if they live in a dorm
 - How much is each Int'l student charged per credit hour?
 - How much is waived?
 - Emergency hires - pay per course?
 - Fulltime includes visiting and emergency hires

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Discussion Items (continued):

- We have implemented our cost containment website
- Hard Bid Construction – We have the most at 84, more than U of A. They have general contracts on contract under an order. UCA bids each project. Example: Ida Waldran – we acted as our own General Contractor. We will bid out each small contract. If \$5,000,000 or more, no need for bid based on qualifications of general contractor and architect. General Contractor bids out each job. Business building and Bear Hall are alternate delivery.
- Tuition and fees – UA has smallest increase in four (4) years
- State concerned about amount of debt students have when leaving university (8.6% loan default rate)
- Cost Containment Report will be submitted as of today.
- We may not be allowed to offer online courses for undergrad, Laura will check on this.
- Next Legislative meeting is scheduled for Oct 30th at 1:30 PM in Big Mac.
- Cost Savings –
 - Aerators have been installed in residence halls
 - In low usage settings they will save approx. 2000 gallons per year
 - In classroom/lab, a 13,000 gallon per year savings
 - Bear Hall will be next
 - Artificial turf - true savings, estimates were low
 - Insurance -
 - U of A System has selected a new firm to manage health insurance, we have also tried to save on health insurance, must have everyone to agree. Have we made comparisons with other universities?
 - South Carolina – everyone working for a state agency has same insurance.
 - Self-funding would mean we would need cash on hand.
 - Jonesboro, Henderson & UCA talked about combing insurance costs.
- Certain elements make Bear Hall a LEED building
- Rpt 17 A – Breaks down expenditures
- Visiting positions – 1 year – can roll for three (3) years, provides flexibility and salary savings

Future speakers/presentations suggested:

- Angie Howard – recycling
- Graham Gillis – wellness and academic affairs, savings in President's office
- Dr. Runge was detained and we will ask him to speak at an upcoming RU meeting.

Notes:

- Connie, Chad & Leslie to post information from the RU committee across campus.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for November 13, 2012. (Meeting to be rescheduled due to a conflict)

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.