

PIE Council Minutes

Friday, February 24, 2023

1:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Brian Anderson, Marty Brock, David Brooking, Aaron Brooks, Jennifer Claybrook, Mark Ellard, Magan Evans, Wesley Garrett, Jess Harpole, Marty Hatton, Shana Lenoir, Carla Lowery, Jessica McDill, Nora, Miller, Jennifer Moore, Anika Perkins, Anita Pintado, Leigh Ann Puckett, and Barry Smith

Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of the meetings held on September 28, 2022. Barry Smith made a motion to accept both the minutes as presented. A second to the motion was made by Magan Evans. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Budget Presentation – Mark Ellard, CFO and VP for Finance & Administration

The fiscal year 23 operation costs have increased significantly. One example is that the cost of natural gas is \$80K more than the prior year. Additionally, the decrease in enrollment has impacted the revenue that helps to cover operation costs. In fiscal year 24, the university will have an increase in operation costs with the new building coming online and the use of more utilities.

A tuition decision will be made in the next month. State appropriations will be earmarked for certain projects, but don't yet. There are a lot of unknowns going into the next budget year. With that being said, the budget process will be starting soon and may change. One work to describe the FY 24 budget is conservative.

FY 24 Budget Priorities

Carla Lowery opened for floor to discuss the budget priorities for FY 24. PIE Council votes on a recommendation of the priorities and sends them to the president to adopt or modify as needed.

Brian Anderson stated he liked the current priorities that come from the Strategic Priorities and Goals 2021. Jess Harpole added that safety needs to be a priority. Mark Ellard added that facilities also needs to be on the list. After some discussion, it was determined that both facilities and safety fit in the Financial Sustainability priority and there was not a need to list them separately.

Marty Brock made a motion to accept the Strategic Priorities, in no particular order, as the FY 24 budget priorities.

- Academic Excellence
- Advancement Excellence
- Community Connections
- Degree Completion
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Financial Sustainability

David Brooking seconded the motion. The priorities were approved unanimously.

Enrollment Update – Jennifer Moore, Director of Institutional Research & Assessment

Jennifer Moore provided the Fall 2022 Profile (attachment) and discussed fall enrollment compared to the previous fall and retention and graduation rates. David Brooking noted the lower than normal freshmen graduation rate of 37.4% could be due to the large number of intermediate students in Fall 2016. He also stated that the Fall 2017 freshmen group had a large intermediate group and that the graduation rate will be low too.

General Updates

The Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Surveys close today. The Great Colleges to Work For survey is open from March 4 through the 31st. Institutional Research and Assessment will be offering in person sessions to help with assessment coordinators finalize their assessment this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.