

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Mr. Tico Perez, Chair, convened the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee at 12:00 PM. Members present were Dick Beard, Norman Tripp, Mori Hosseini, Ann Duncan, John Rood and Mike Long. Other Board members present were Ava Parker, Dean Colson, Gus Stavros, Dr. Rick Yost, Patricia Frost, Frank Martin, Chris Corr and John Temple.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order and thanked the members for their attendance.

2. Approval of September 14, 2011, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Tripp moved that the Committee approve the notes of the meeting held September 14, 2011 as presented. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. 2011 New Fees Report to the Legislature

Mr. Perez stated that in 2010, when the legislature gave the Board the authority to consider new fees, they also required the Board to submit an annual report summarizing new fee proposals received and actions taken by the Board on those proposals. Included in the packet is a draft report that includes the new fees implemented this fall, the amount of the new fee, projected revenues and expenditures.

Seeing no questions, Mr. Beard moved that the Committee approve the report as presented. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

4. New Fees under Consideration

Mr. Perez introduced the next item as information only. This is a list of new fees and increases to existing fees that are being discussed on some of the campuses. This information not only as a heads-up to this committee and the Board, but also ensures that appropriate dialogue is taking place between university leadership and the students. So we appreciate the submission of this information.

Formal proposals are due to the Board office on January 16. Mr. Perez indicated that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled sometime in February to consider the proposals.

5. Market Tuition Proposals

Mr. Perez noted that five universities have submitted a total of 17 market tuition proposals. Fifteen minutes has been allotted for each university to present their proposals.

Mr. Perez reminded the Committee that the Board implemented a pilot period in order to collect sufficient information to determine the merit and success of market tuition programs. During the pilot period, the Board would approve no more than five market tuition programs per university per year. After three years the university will submit their findings to this committee and we would make any recommendations for changes.

Board regulation also requires an annual status report. Included in the material is an update for each of market tuition programs that the Board approved this past February. Since approval was just granted a few months ago, not all programs have been implemented or are far enough along to provide any data. Hopefully next fall data will be available to see how the programs are coming along.

Mr. Perez indicated that each proposal would be presented and then the Committee would vote on each proposal individually.

a. University of Central Florida – Dr. Tony Waldrop, Provost:

Mr. Waldrop presented the Professional Master of Science in Health Care Informatics proposal. After discussion, Governor Duncan moved that the

market tuition proposal be approved. Mr. Hosseini seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

b. Florida International University - Dean Joyce Elam, College of Business Administration:

Dean Elam presented five market tuition proposals; Master of Science in Construction Management, Masters in Mass Communication – Global Strategic Management, Master of Science in Engineering Management, Master of Science in Finance, and Executive Masters in Taxation.

- Mr. Beard moved that the Master of Science in Construction Management be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Mr. Beard moved that the Masters in Mass Communication – Global Strategic Management be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- The Committee questioned the market tuition rate being proposed for the Master of Science in Engineering Management. Dean Elam indicated that the program being offered in the Dominican Republic reflects the market rate in that country and the costs fully cover the program implemented and is not be subsidized by market rates charged in the United States. Mr. Beard moved that the Master of Science in Engineering Management be approved. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Mr. Long moved that the Master of Science in Finance be approved. Mr. Beard seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Mr. Beard moved that the Executive Masters in Taxation be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

c. Florida State University – Dr. Garnett Stokes, Provost:

Dr. Stokes presented four market tuition proposals; Master in Criminal Justice, Master of Science in Instructional Systems, Graduate Certificate in Project Management, and the School of Communication Science and Disorders' Bridge Certificate Program.

- Ms. Duncan moved that the Master in Criminal Justice be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Ms. Duncan moved that the Master of Science in Instructional Systems be approved. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Ms. Duncan moved that the Graduate Certificate in Project Management. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Mr. Rood moved that the School of Communication Science and Disorders' Bridge Certificate Program be approved. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

d. University of Florida – Dr. Joe Glover, Provost:

Dr. Glover presented three market tuition proposals; Master of Arts in Mass Communication, Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning, and Master of Science in Soil and Water Science.

- Mr. Perez questioned Dr. Glover about the use of a private vendor for the Master of Arts in Mass Communication and Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning. Dr. Glover explained the role the private vendor will have, the colleges' need for external expertise, and the amount to be paid to the vendor. Mr. Perez indicated some concerns about utilizing a private vendor to develop, market and recruit students for the program and the need to basically double tuition to pay the vendor a significant portion of the revenue generated.

Mr. Tripp moved that the Master of Arts in Mass Communication be approved. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion and the Committee concurred with a vote of 6-1. Mr. Beard, Ms. Duncan, Mr. Hosseini, Mr. Rood, Mr. Tripp and Mr. Long voted in favor of the motion, with Mr. Perez opposing.

- Mr. Rood moved that the Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning be approved. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the Committee concurred with a vote of 6-1. Mr. Beard, Ms. Duncan, Mr. Hosseini, Mr. Rood, Mr. Tripp and Mr. Long voted in favor of the motion, with Mr. Perez opposing.

- Mr. Tripp moved that the Master of Science in Soil and Water Science program be approved. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the Committee concurred.

e. University of South Florida – Dr. Ralph Wilcox, Provost:

Dr. Wilcox presented five market tuition proposals; Professional Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, Master of Science in Entrepreneurship, Master of Science in Management Information Systems, Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia, and Master of Public Administration.

- Ms. Duncan moved that the Professional Master of Science in Electrical Engineering be approved. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Ms. Duncan moved that the Master of Science in Entrepreneurship be approved. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Ms. Rood moved that the Master of Science in Management Information Systems. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Ms. Duncan moved that the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia Program be approved. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- Mr. Long moved that the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia Program be approved. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Perez reminded the universities that new fee proposals should be forwarded to the Committee no later than January 16, 2012.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM.