

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
MIAMI, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. Perez, Chair, convened the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee at 2:00 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, Commissioner Robinson, Frank Martin, and John Temple.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order and thanked the members for their attendance. He announced there are three regulations not on the Committee agenda, but will be on the Board agenda tomorrow:

- The final approval of amended Regulation 7.001 on Tuition and Fees.
- The final approval of amended Regulation 7.003 on Fees, Fines and Penalties.
- The final approval of amended Regulation 9.017 on Faculty Practice Plans

These regulations were amended at the June meeting and there were no public comments received during the notice period, thus they will be up for final approval.

2. Approval of September 14, 2011, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hosseini 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. Approval of 2011-2012 State University System Operating Budgets

Mr. Perez introduced the university operating budgets and reminded the Committee that the Board's Master Powers and Duties require review and approval of the university operating budgets. He asked Mr. Tim Jones, to provide an overview of the university operating budgets that were submitted.

Seeing no questions, Mr. Tripp moved that the Committee approve the 2011-2012 university operating budgets as presented. Mr. Beard seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

4. Approval of the 2012-2013 Legislative Budget Requests

Mr. Perez introduced the review of the 2012-13 legislative budget requests for the university system and the Board office.

Mr. Perez stated that although the economy has somewhat stabilized there is concern about another recession. How that will impact Florida remains to be seen. Mr. Jones has kept this Committee up-to-date on monthly revenue collections compared to the estimates, and up through July revenues were on target.

Mr. Perez indicated that the legislative budget instructions asked state agencies, including the universities, to prepare a 10% budget reduction plan for next year. He reiterated that these are just plans at this time, but it is a sign that the legislature is still very cautious.

Mr. Perez continued by stating the universities must continue to look for efficiencies, best practices or shared service initiatives. Included in the Committee materials are various initiatives universities have been engaged in.

The budget request that the Committee is considering is clearly an advocacy budget and includes as its cornerstone the New Florida initiative which focuses on STEM/Research and Access/Improving Graduation Rates. Both are cornerstones in the Boards' effort to produce more degrees, particularly in areas of critical need, as we work to improve Florida's economy.

Mr. Perez reminded the Committee that the Board would hear more about this during Governor Martin's Strategic Planning Committee on Thursday, but the LBR lines up with strategic planning process that we are working on to build a knowledge based economy.

Mr. Perez requested Mr. Jones walk the Committee through the 2012-2013 LBR.

After Mr. Jones' presentation, Ms. Duncan asked whether the Florida State University High Magnetic Lab issue for \$3.3 million could be separated from the STEM/Research issue and shown as a separate line. Ms. Duncan stated that it is important to have this additional funding to send a message to the National Science Foundation that Florida is serious about retaining this laboratory in Florida.

Mr. Tripp moved that this issue be separated from the STEM/Research issue and shown as a separate line. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Perez asked if there were any further comments or discussion.

Seeing none, Mr. Tripp moved that the Committee approve the 2012-2013 LBR for the state university system, and authorize the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Tripp also moved that the Committee approve the 2012-2013 LBR for the Board General Office, and authorize the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary. Ms. Duncan seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Perez noted that Governor Colson's Legislative Committee has their work cut out for them. The challenges in PECO, the continued decline in state funds for university operations, and continued tuition increases, makes it a challenge for our universities, our students and their parents. He stated that it is vitally important that our universities work together with us to send a consistent and strong message that fiscal support is needed for the System.

5. Committee Work Plan

Mr. Perez pointed the Committee to the work plan for the next year and a half. He reminded members that during the November meeting they will review university market tuition and block tuition proposals.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.