Student Budget Advisory Council
October 2, 2017 – 7:00 pm
3622 Valley Library, Willamette Room East

**Attendance:** Lisa Lin, Austin Carsh, August Peterson, Sami Searles, Steven Miller, Jasen Phillips, Isai Garcia, Karren Cholewinski, Nicole Real and Sherm Bloomer (Ab: Dom and Josh)

**Council for 2017-2018**

- **Membership:** 10-15 members comprised of ten representatives selected by application, one ASOSU appointee, one graduate student and three representatives at large.
  - Missing representation from Engineering and PHHS and professional colleges.
  - Sherm will check with the college’s deans about representatives (deans-student advisory group?).
  - Other Representation Needs: Cultural Centers (August) and Athletics (Lisa). Jasen to talk with others in the DCE.

- **SBAC 2017-18 Co-chairs**
  - Co-Chairs Position Time Demand (~5 hours/week): One meeting every other week (off cycle of SBAC meetings) with Sherm, SBAC Meetings (twice monthly at maximum) and attending the University Budget Committee meetings (dates/times are not yet established)
  - Austin Carsh (Jr.), Steven Miller (Sr.) and Jasen Phillips (Sr.) agreed to serve.
  - Provost Feser is still agreeable to SBAC (student) representation on the University Budget Committee.
  - Sherm will think about the Co-Chairs position and follow up Austin, Steven and Jasen.

- **Agenda for 2017-2018:** What are the topics of greatest interest and importance?

- **Budget, Open Forums:** For academic year 2017-2018, the Open Forums will be on the alternate weeks of SBAC. The forums will be 60-90 minutes, with 10 minutes on a budget-related topic. The forums are open to all OSU employees and students. The turnout is not anticipated to be exceptional this first year.

- **2017-2018 and Beyond:** Sherm provided a brief overview of the Student Budget Advisory Council, how it relates to the work of the University Budget Committee and the OSU Board of Trustees (BOT).
  - How do we institutionalize the SBAC going forward (institutional process) without letting it drop-off?
  - We need to identify the best method for getting students engaged.
  - Embed a process is most important for informing students.

The BOT timeline for 2018-2019 Tuition, Fees and Budget:

- **January 18 & 19, 2018:** The BOT will receive the preliminary Tuition/Fee recommendations for 2018-2019.
  - The possibility of a 5-year tuition setting process as an option to the current year-to-year process will be discussed with the BOT. The development of the budget workbook came out of conversations last year and serves as a starting place for taking a longer view of tuition rates.

- **February 2018 & March 2018:** Conversations with the OSU Community regarding 2018-19 tuition and fee rates. During these conversations, we will capture comments from students for possible inclusion in a summary document for the BOT. Suggestions for how and where to engage students in these conversations will be helpful.

- **April 5 & 6, 2018:** BOT, Finance & Administration Committee (April 5) will provide time for public testimony about the tuition/fee rates, deciding on the rates to recommend to the BOT. BOT full
board (April 6) will vote on the 2018-2019 Tuition/Fees from the F&A Committee recommendation.

- **June 1, 2018**: BOT reviews and votes on preliminary 2018-2019 E&G funded budget.
- **How to institutionalize the SBAC going forward (institutional process), but not letting it drop, getting students engaged. Embedding process most important – informing students. UBC takes a longer view of fees and students**

**PAC Classes**: Topic of interest from May 2017 SBAC Debrief. This is an issue leftover from when OSU had a tuition plateau (ended in 2014-2015). Currently, PHHS working on proposal for non-tuition options (different model); proposal will come back through tuition setting process later in the academic year.

**What do you want to talk about this year?**
- Jasen: Process was good for 2017-2018. Offered insight as to where E&G funds are allocated.
- August: Details as to where the athletics funding comes from? Who funds athletics? University’s commitment to athletics. (Jasen: A few years ago, ASOSU lent funds to Athletics."
- Sherm: May have some benchmarking information to share as to where the money goes.
- Sami: Freshman requirement to live on campus and impact on lower enrollment.

**Pink Pig Budget Primer**: There is difficulty defining some of the more challenging terms. Be sure to ask about those that do not make sense.

- Quick Facts – Covers most of the questions that arose during SBAC 2017-2018.
- Budget workbook – Reflects funding mechanisms.
- What is missing from the material provided?
- Agreed to hold off on deeper dive until entire group present.

Sherm offered some brief comments about:
- Self-Support Funds: UHDS, Student Fees – interplay between E&G into Self Support
- OSU Foundation: Annual fundraising support of $7 million
- INTO-OSU: Annual partnership support of $6-7 million
- Debt Service: E&G funds used to support some projects
- Restricted Funds: Grants, Federal Scholarships, These funds take in monies but generally expend (out) all funds received. Not a lot to discuss unless we want to dive into grants.
- Jasen: Biennial allocations? *Allocations received from the State of Oregon are distributed: 49% 1st year/51% 2nd year (more graduates, more students increases funding).*

- **Budget, Model & Impacts Discussion (Sherm’s comments)**
  - Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)/Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB): OSU, although no longer part of state system of higher education, is still required to participate in the state employee’s health insurance programs (PEBB) and retirement systems (PERS). There is generally a 25% increase to the PERS/PEBB rates for first year biennium, and lower in second year of the biennium. The cyclical spike is funded generally in the first year of the biennium.
  - Projections for 2018-2019 budget are often identified at a higher level in the Fall.
  - Sherm: Recommendation for 2017-2018 was a matrix format, with set of tuition choices (Resident/Non-Resident), with tuition increases under 5% for 2018 and 1% ($3.5-4 million) dedicated to financial aid. The colleges reduced spending between 1%-4/5%. The differential cuts is new to OSU. All learning about and how to use this new budget model.
2017-2018 Enrollment – projections were very close (directionally correct) with non-resident enrollment growing a couple percentage point and resident enrollments down (~1%). Understanding the impacts of tuition increases was important to the enrollment projection process. Discovered that UO/PSU did not worry too much about the enrollments. HECC will be publishing 4th week enrollment numbers in late October/early November. OSU-Corvallis enrollment is down for incoming resident freshman. OSU-Cascades is down from their projection, impacts may be from dual-enrolled students, more and more students enrolling as juniors who are coming with large undergraduate credit loads.

Freshman living on campus does improve student retention rate.

- How many leave after one term, finding they cannot afford it?
- What about co-op housing (much less expensive)?
- On-campus living does not appear to be accurately compared with off-campus living.
- Have a representative from Housing/Dining as a guest Presenter?
- What about contracting dining services?

Public-Private partnerships: OSU does not generate a high enough net income from many business partnerships.

Childcare (Azalea House): Ongoing requests for paid/subsidized childcare benefit. Expensive and the licensing costs are outside of OSU’s purview.

Deferred Maintenance: Budget commitment of $5 million for next 8 years.


Graduate student support: Costs now charged directly to individual departments.


Financial Aid: OSU contribution is unfortunately behind average of peers but also with a need that is vastly beyond peers.

Faculty: Diversity/hiring and how to keep them are challenges.

Students: Increasing the diversity of the OSU student population; serving the underrepresented students.

Prior to next meeting:

- All: Review the documents, and send comments/questions to Sherm. (Be sure to cc Karren.)
- Sherm: Contact PHHS, Engineering and Athletics regarding potential representatives
- Sherm: Contact UHDS to about rates and possibility of meeting with SBAC
- Sherm: Athletics – Funding sources
- Sherm: Co-Chairs decision

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2017, 7:00 pm, 3622 Valley Library (Willamette Room East)