Student Budget Advisory Council – Meeting Notes  
May 21, 2018, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
3622 Valley Library, Willamette Room East

Attendance: Austin Carsh, Isai Garcia, Kennedy Hedges, Ben Johnson, Lisa Lin, August Peterson, Sami Searles, Sherm Bloomer and Karren Cholewinski

Returning to SBAC for AY2018-19: Austin Carsh and Kennedy Hedges

Recap: Board of Trustees April 6 Meeting – Sherm Bloomer

The Board had a long conversation about how to best address the requirements of the new House Bill 4141, relating to setting the costs of attending public universities; creating new provisions; amending ORS 352.102; and declaring an emergency. The suggestion was to add two additional student positions on the University Budget Committee (UBC) rather than form another/new committee. Historically under-served (not defined) students are to have representation on the committee. The goal of the change will be meaningful engagement for students. How do we identify and appoint these under-served students? Looking at OSU demographics, how do we define under-served?

The Board approved all the tuition rates in Scenario B, but modified resident undergraduate tuition rates by increasing the rate an additional $1/SCH. Sherm thanked the group for their participation and support in discussions about the FY2018-19 tuition rates.

There was discussion and concern for FY2020, one of the years there is large PERS increase, and the impact on the future budget.

Outcomes of SBAC group

• Sherm thanked the students for their dedication and engagement this year with SBAC. Their participation has been very valuable. The questions and exchanges with the members this year, has been very important and valuable.
• Guidance on effective methods for talking to or communicating with students is appreciated. Meeting them where they are “at the moment” has made it possible for more students to learn about the tuition setting process. Very diverse outreach and hearing their perspectives has been helpful.
• What outcomes are missing on the 2016-2018 list? What are topics the SBAC should begin exploring this fall? Hopefully, there will be more time in 2018-2019 to cover other areas of concern.
• August: Next year SBAC should continue the conversation about who is an administrator and who is faculty? Students seem upset or concerned about these topics.
  • What might be the best method for communicating the subject across the community? One-pager?
    • Having comparisons with other universities, high-level executives, i.e. President, Provost, and the percentages spent on salaries/compensation. Salary benchmarks by function will be helpful.
• Austin – What will be the SBAC size for next year? Answer: Basically, the same as this year. Will be distributing notices to apply.
• Lisa – What about reconsidering the “no charge credit option” discussed last year, 2016-2017? Answer: This option has recently become available. Karren to check with Rebecca Mathern to learn about possibility and process. August: Benefit is that students will add SBAC to their schedules much like a course.
Closing Comments for SBAC 2017-2018

- Sherm asked...what should be the topic for the Budget Conversations forum on Thursday, May 24? Suggestion: Fees (Mandatory & Student), Differential Tuition, E&G related fees
- Lisa – Too much information is not inherently bad (students like the line-by-line information on their student bills).
- Requirements of HB4141 will be met within the structure of the UBC.
- For 2018-19, there will be no changes in the alignment of SBAC with the UBC.
- SBAC – worth your time? Answer: General agreement. More valuable with the one credit option, especially the dedication of time and commitment. Sami: One credit option feels like more a class commitment than voluntary commitment.
- Sherm extended his thank you to the group for their service.