Student Budget Advisory Council
Summary Meeting Notes - October 27, 2016
213 Memorial Union - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Jasen Phillips and Steven Miller to serve as co-chairs with Sherm Bloomer

Much of the meeting was committed to discussion of various points raised from the materials circulated.

Discussion included:
- Need for some training on budget and reading budget information
- Role of athletics and OSU, costs of athletics and flow of revenues from athletics
- Structure and costs of administration at OSU; challenge of defining what constitutes "administration", possible avenues for cost reduction there
- Salary distributions and drivers of salary increases; possibilities of capping or reducing salaries for certain positions
- Progress on filling membership "holes" for certain student constituencies
- Structure of faculty appointments as 9-month (academic year) or 12-month (full year); source of funds when 9-month faculty are paid in the summer (research grants or summer classes)
- Outsourcing or contracting of work to private entities outside OSU
- How do our administrative costs look compared to other institutions? How do our tuition rates look? (some reference materials in the budget briefing documents)
- What is the distance education fee used for?
- What is the Budget Scenario tool for and how will we use it?

Follow-up items for next meeting:
- Jasen, Steven, and Sherm to meet to plan agenda and meeting structure
- Sherm to work on a short budget primer with definitions
- Information items:
    - What is OSU's economic impact on Corvallis?
    - What is the value of athletics to OSU?
    - What are the components of financial aid at OSU?
    - What are the major position categories at OSU (maybe part of budget definitions?)
- Assessment of administrative costs in Education and General Budget:
    - How is administration defined? Any guidelines? Any common practices?
    - Given those definitions, what is OSU's distribution of administrative costs?
    - How have they changed over time?
    - What is the total cost of those positions and are there places to reduce them and is there any risk in losing those positions?