

Student Budget Advisory Council

Friday, May 19, 2017 – 11:00 am-1:00 pm
207 Memorial Union, Allworth Conference Room
Meeting Notes

Attending: Lisa Lin, Dom Miller, Steven Miller, August Peterson, Sami Searles, Sherm Bloomer and Karren Cholewinski

Comments/Ideas - Sherm

- University Budget Committee felt the SBAC was a valuable addition to the tuition and fee setting process. Input was valuable and helped to inform the process.
- Budget Reductions - \$6-7mm central, reduction to S&S, \$7-8mm personnel (units managing reductions)
- Shared thoughts about what/how we can do things differently in the future.
- This summer, he will prepare budget/finance-related training materials for review by SBAC members ahead of next fall. Will spend time during the first AY2017-18 meeting covering the materials.
- Fall monthly open budget forums across campus – couple hours/monthly. Suggested by Provost Ed Feser.
- Method(s) for communicating about budget/tuition to the university community.
- Beginning fall term 2017, monthly budget/finance summary messages with information about decisions in process, monthly meeting notices, etc. to university community.
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SBAC Members - What worked, what didn't

- Start SBAC meetings earlier making it possible to members to plan ahead and making it a priority
- Spring term – membership selection
- Scheduled meeting dates/times for the next academic year
- Need representatives from interest groups
- Email still the best communication method with students
- Academic credit opportunity
 - Not a bad idea. Investigate zero tuition credit.
 - Conversation with Dean Doolen, Honors College about the thesis project zero tuition credit.
 - Incentive for students, scheduled/blocked out the time for meetings
 - Participation is experiential.

Topics for next academic year

- PAC classes – structural concerns
- Understanding of where tuition dollars go
- Athletics debt
- ASOSU, Student Health Fee – there is discussion about making it required fee instead of a student incidental fee.
- Utility expense and building efficiency
- Student Housing rates
- Where do student fees go?
- First year freshman required to live on campus

Process going forward

- Suggestions to include additional fields on application form. Will get approval from Student Affairs prior to going live.
- Online application process for membership recruitment (Karren)
- Announcement out next week (week of May 22-26) with opportunity to apply. Message delivery through lists to the general OSU community, college student groups, Barometer and other sources identified. (Sherm / Karren)
- Deadline to apply: Sunday, June 4, 2017
- Two-co chairs will review applications and finalize members before the end of spring term. Review and finalize, week of June 5-9. (Steven and Jasen)
- Communication with to new SBAC members (Sherm / Karren)
- Evening meetings best, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (Mondays?)
 - First meeting Fall Term – 2 hours
 - All others – 90 minutes
- Early fall – How to use SBAC as point of contact with other university groups; identify appropriate forums.

Next steps

- Application and selection of new SBAC members.
- Establish SBAC meeting schedule for AY2017-2018.
- Determine if zero-tuition credit is possible.