



UNIVERSITY OF
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University Budget Committee
Meeting Summary

Thursday, October 16th, 2014
GBB Executive Board Room, 2:00-3:00

The committee chair opened the meeting and began walking through a powerpoint presentation of the agenda topics. The first topic was a quick reminder of how the budget cuts were distributed and decided upon. Admin & Finance, Research, Athletics, IT, and Student Affairs all received 10% budget cuts for FY15, while Integrated Communications (9%), President (6%), and Academic Affairs (1%) all received a lower percentage of budget cuts.

Next the presentation moved into our current enrollment status. The fall enrollment numbers met campus expectations and preparations. Tuition revenue for the summer was slightly lower than anticipated. The enrollment numbers were followed by a brief update of the planned funding model. VP Reid is currently meeting with academic officers to refine the model and they should have something to report on soon.

Next was a report on Transportation Services' Motor Pool. This report was generated at the recommendation of the Cost Savings workgroup report from last fall. The report was walked through to discuss where Motor Pool is more cost beneficial and where it is more cost prohibitive when compared to Enterprise car rental services. Following the presentation and the various examples, the committee discussed what the cost savings really mean for future budgeting and its financial impact. Various audience and committee members speak out in favor of Motor Pool and its qualitative contributions to the campus community. Several others object under the contention that cost savings are needed for the campus and articulate that this is an area that should be considered.

A committee member proposed a motion for Motor Pool to be retained as it is, at this time, and this report would be sent back to Transportation Services for further analysis and identification of areas for strategic budget reduction/evaluation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The committee then moved into a presentation on Syquest/Grizmart for the last remaining minutes of the meeting. The presentation was largely informational and updated the campus community of the current happenings in Grizmart/Syquest.

The meeting is adjourned after the presentation.