

Budget & Planning Committee
Inlow Hall 201
November 5, 2013

Present: Jeff Carman, Ray Brown, Les Mueller, Steve Tanner, Mike Sell, Ken Watson, Gerri Silveria, Kerry Bullard, David Lageson, Angie Adams, Mary Asker, Danny Hawley, Evan Bryan, President Bob Davies, Provost Steve Adkison, Lara Moore, Brian Fox (via phone) Sue Cain, Andy Ashe and Teresa Carson-Mastrude

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Brian Fox discussed fixed costs with the group and how they were calculated and then brought the discussion back to his report. Brian did note that he has also done the same report for SOU and noted that their overhead is lower and SOU does not have the overload expense that EOU does. Brian gave a more in-depth explanation of his report to the group and noted that this data could be used as a lever to make some changes to stop the direction that EOU is going financially. President Davies reported to the group that administration is trying to “right the ship”. EOU needs to look enrollment, faculty retirement, etc. and make some decisions. Steve Adkison reported that fall enrollment is down at most OUS institutions and this has not help the financial picture at EOU. Brian noted that inload/overload needs to be addressed to save some money and Steve reported that he had signed fewer overload contracts this fall.

The group discussed the data that showed most faculty are not teaching the credit hours that they are being paid for and asked for information on who monitors/tracks this and noted that this should become a priority. Brian Fox explained to the group where he received his data from and how it was calculated and reported. Brian had to leave the discussion so he could attend class.

Lara Moore noted to the group that we know where we can improve/fix and now we need to follow through with this.

Steve Adkison felt that we needed to do a better job of tracking overload with faculty.

The group discussed other ways to improve revenue at EOU such as marketing, retention, etc.

President Davies was asked what the projected fund balance will be at the end of the fiscal year. Bob noted to the group that he would like to see us get away from just looking at the fund balance as a measure of EOU’s financial health. President Davies would like us to look closer at revenue and expenses as these are things that we can control and possibly move to a composite financial index that would give us a score at the end of the fiscal year.

Governance

President Davies reviewed with the group three scenarios of possible governance that OIT, SOU, WOU and EOU would possibly move to. The scenarios are:

- 1) Consortium
- 2) Branch Campus
- 3) Institutional Board

President Davies also discussed the possibility of another type which would be a hybrid of consortium/independent board which he feels would give the regionals more visibility and power and yet enable us to have a institutional board.

The group discussed the possibility of EOU becoming a branch campus. President Davies reported to the group that he doesn't see this happening at this point and that the other regional/technical schools are not eager for that scenario at all.

Updates

Vice President Lara Moore reported that 4th week numbers show that enrollment is approx. 7% down

The group discussed the proposed changes to the By-laws that Ken Watson had prepared. A couple of minor changes/corrections were noted and approved.

David Lageson gave a quick construction update and noted that Quinn is coming along nicely.

Jeff Carman reported that most positions going through the PRC process are replacements to vacated positions.

The group will meet again the following week.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Carson-Mastrude