

Attendees: Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Ms. Dia Carleton, Mr. Charles Colby, Dr. Deborah Erickson, Mr. James Harrington, Dr. Peter Keller, Mr. Michael Reid, Dr. Robert Timko

Guests:

Topic	Discussion	Action
Strategic Versus Core Budget Priorities	<p>Dr. Keller noted that he has been going through the strategic budget requests submitted from the Academic Affairs division and thought that some of the requests should be considered core budget priorities rather than strategic initiatives. Some of the concerns are covering the costs of computer replacement, search costs and Middle States accreditation.</p> <p>Mr. Reid explained that the budget is built with institutional support funded first and \$500,000 to fund strategic plans. All other funding requests are determined by each Cabinet member based on the priorities in their division.</p> <p>Dr. Loeschke discussed that the PASSHE presentation to BOG and Presidents last week. She noted that budgets will be very tight this year and most especially in 2010-2011. At this time the E&G appropriation to the University will remain the same with the 4.2% cut taken this year back in the budget. She said that these will be very challenging years ahead. The University must work together as a campus community to ensure we address the economic downturn. This will require creativity, patience, teamwork and support. E&G dollars are now permitted to be used for scholarships under the new BOG policy.</p> <p>Cabinet discussed the budget process as well as the strategic budget process to determine whether shifts in our budget model need to be made.</p> <p>Dr. Loeschke noted that we need to reexamine the Strategic Plan next year to determine if any shifts need to be made due to shifts in resources.</p>	<p>The next Cabinet meeting will be 8-12 to discuss the budget situation. Move the SPIT chairs to another meeting.</p>
Summer Hours	<p>Cabinet discussed the possibility of summer hours including a four day work week. Ms. Carleton explained that AFSCME would be agreeable to this. The downside is that four day work week cannot be offered to all employees.</p>	<p>This summer Cabinet will run a pilot program to see if a four day work week might work well for the campus.</p>
Tabled/Continued Discussion	<p>Discussions noted above or in previous meeting minutes.</p>	<p>-Middle States update -Policy updates -SPITs – 2 times per semester</p>

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