

**Lane Community College
Budget Committee Meeting
May 2, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

In attendance were: Pat Albright, Stephen Alison, Jay Bozievich, Paul Holman, Susie Johnston, Roger Hall, Marston Morgan, Stefan Ostrach, Pat Riggs-Henson, Michael Rose, Dennis Shine, Chris Turek, Carmen Urbina, and Rick Yecny.

Also in attendance were President Mary Spilde, Vice President Sonya Christian, and Associate Vice President Greg Morgan.

2. Election of Officers

Riggs-Henson moved to nominate Stefan Ostrach as Budget Committee Chair. Johnston seconded.

Motion to elect Stefan Ostrach as Chair passed unanimously.

Rose moved to nominate Stephen Alison as Vice Chair. Johnston seconded.

Albright moved to nominate Marston Morgan as Vice Chair. Riggs-Henson seconded.

Motion to elect Stephen Alison as Vice Chair passed 7 - 4. Three members abstained.

3. Budget Message and Presentation of the Recommended Budget

Greg Morgan distributed copies of the proposed Budget Document and read the 2007-08 Budget Message.

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Development Process

Spilde provided background on the budget development process, explaining that the work started with College Council. Principles and criteria, data elements, priorities, assumptions, projections and the budget process were developed and approved by the board in the fall. Departments submitted budget proposals as part of their unit plans, which were reviewed by the Budget Review Group (BRG). (Also, input was solicited from the college community through open forums and a budget blog.) The BRG developed recommendations to the President. The President has forwarded the majority of the BRG work to the Budget Committee. The Executive Team developed further recommendations to reach the amount of the projected deficit.

Since the fall projections, other factors have increased the budget shortfall, including an increase in insurance premiums and the necessity of re-establishing an ending fund balance.

Budget proposals have been published, and conversations are being held with unions to avoid faculty and classified layoffs.

Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Morgan explained the layout of the proposed budget in the budget document. He encouraged members to call the budget office with questions as they read through the document.

Presentation of Budget Recommendations

Spilde presented budget reductions and revenue proposals, providing background information on our budget situation and factors involved in our current deficit.

Discussion

The committee discussed in more detail the agreement made by the faculty union and administration. The outcome of discussions with the classified union should be clear by the next meeting.

Members shared some concern that budget problems are being solved internally, giving the wrong message to the legislators. It should not look like an easy fix. Legislators still need to be urged to support \$529 million for community colleges.

Questions arose as to how to get more detailed budget information. For specific expenses, the committee was asked to contact the budget office.

Support in external committees, such as the Lane Council of Governments and the Lane Economic Committee, were discussed. While individuals on those committees are supportive, they have their own causes to fight for, and it would be difficult to get them to refocus their efforts.

A discussion was had on the possibility of turning assets such as land into income producers.

Other items of discussion were a one percent credit enrollment growth, the possibility of self insurance, and funding for the Foundation.

Requests for Information and Agenda for Next Meeting

The following requests were made for the next meeting:

Briefly run through each fund.

Update on discussion with classified union.

What revenues are coming from Tim Craig's area?
What revenues are coming from Mary's efforts in the Middle East?
What percent of Library budget is the cut for library book funding?
Can Torch advertising be enhanced to increase revenue?
What is the possibility of a pro bono teaching program?
Provide a summary of how we are planning to enhance the public's knowledge of
Lane to fight against things they don't understand.

Budget committee members will read through the proposed budget document
and come back with a list of questions for the next meeting.

Future Meetings

May 9, 2007 – 4 p.m. (public comment)
May 16, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
May 23, 2007 – Meet if necessary
May 30, 2007 – Meet if necessary

The session adjourned at 8 p.m.