

## **University Budget Advisory Committee Minutes**

**February 25, 2016**

### **Legislative Updates:**

Hospital provider fee— one republican has switched to vote for it. Two former governors' attorneys have said it is constitutional to run a bill. John Suthers previously advised it should have been an enterprise. Awaiting current Attorney General's opinion. Right now the bill to make it an enterprise will not pass. Rural hospitals and transportation have realized not changing this will impact them negatively. It will come down to the wire. We are planning for the cut, because we can't do otherwise as the outcome is so uncertain.

Athletic Training bill seems to be going to pass.

Legislature returning to discussion about appropriating tuition and fees instead of the governing board. It doesn't currently hurt us, because we are currently under what they would appropriate. But in future we could be caught in the legislative processes. There is opposition to this.

### **Elevate Updates:**

Elevate has had some serious flaws. The people in UCCS HR are not the folks responsible...please give them courtesy as they are trying to assist us, figure out remedies and track issues. They are doing yeoman's work trying to help overcome a system issue.

### **Board of Regents Feb. Meeting**

**Overall Updates:** Regents provided input into the mid-term strategic plan.

Regents approved fee structure. Athletic fee still has to go to student vote.

Denver campus was down 2.1%, and will cut \$7mil from base budget by July. This will wipe out their contingency funds.

Merit pool projected at 1.6- 2% (becomes 2% with .4% promotion pool; largest promotion group ever)

### **Tuition/Fees/Compensation**

Tuition increase proposed for undergraduate lower division: 3.76%

Tuition + fees is actually 4.62% (athletic fee is escalating factor) our fees are typically lower than across the state.

Boulder has presented a guaranteed tuition with a variety of options for how to apply this (ie: guaranteed cap on increase each year, larger rate raise for FR to stay for 4 years)

Greeley is looking at an 8% tuition/fee raise

UCCS has a 1.83% decline in state funding (\$410,676) but we are fine as we planned for that. Anticipate enrollment increase in FY 2017.

Revised budgeted headcount enrollment for FY2015-16 is down just under 200 head.

- Down 100 grad students, mostly down at Masters level (global financial stability has a lot to do with this)
- International students are the hardest number to anticipate, so we need to put real expectation only on US grad students...now not budgeting for these international students
- Fee Proposal
  - \$435 increase
  - we didn't have many to request
  - most course fees were restructuring or related to new programs
    - Reminder: internal CU audit occurring on course and instructional fees.
  - Student Activities Fees:
    - 85.6% increase for athletic fee, increase \$4.15/credit hour to \$9/credit hour, requires student vote in March
    - 6.3% increase in safety and transportation related to cost factors, not fuel but is number of riders on shuttle to 4 Diamonds (>600,000/year)
    - Housing and dining costs up, as are others.
- Health, Life, Dental Increases
  - University cost going up 5%
  - Employee cost going up next year: Kaiser is highest, others will also go up, but CU plan may not go up.

#### Enrollment Estimates

- Freshman/Sophomore weighted average is showing estimated growth -1.7%; Junior/Senior weighted average is +4.3%
- Already established program growth will be handled with base funding changes when growth is realized.
- We can help ourselves in graduate student enrollment growth as we have modeled grad student decline
- Biggest concern is other schools in state because we have more graduate programming than in the past. UNC is doing aggressive move into Colorado Springs because we are doing more graduate education.

#### UBAC Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016

##### Legislative Update:

**Hospital provider fee:** Current Attorney General Cynthia Coffman indicated it would be constitutional to make the hospital provider fee an enterprise. John Suthers, the previous Colorado Attorney General gave the same opinion. At this time there has not been legislation introduced to make the hospital provider fee an enterprise. If the hospital provider fee is not moved to an enterprise it means that UCCS funding will be cut. If the hospital provider fee does become an enterprise, and therefore exempt from Tabor revenue limits, UCCS will not receive additional funding, but it will mean that the budget will not be cut.

While not yet introduced as legislation, there is some indication that the legislature is interested in appropriating tuition costs as well as fees. The university will be watching all three of these potential legislative bills closely.

Bottom line, UCCS will be stable financially.

**UCCS Budget Facts:** Susan Szyrka and the administration and finance group have been working on a budget fact sheet for the general fund. The draft of this document was presented to UBAC. Once completed, this information will be available on their website for anyone interested. The format of the document was taken from the system fast fact document. This document is based on the approved budget. After fiscal year close another document will be added that will give the actual money spent. FY17 approved budget will be available around September 2016. This project has been delayed because of the roll out of Elevate - and will not be on the website until after the current revision of the website is done.

**Strategic Plan:** All comments from both the regents and campus are now available on the web. Teams are working on each area of change and all revisions will go out to the campus for review. There will be a very fast timeline on the revision. Revision will go out for comments next week. Regents will need to vote on the revised document the first week of April. The reason that we have to do this revision so quickly is because of the HLC visit this fall.

Reminder: areas that are not being revised are still important, there just wasn't a reason to revise them at this time. They will continue to be in the document and they are just as important as the areas that are being revised.

There will be budget and construction tables as part of the strategic plan. The budget table has been revised based on the data that we know now, versus in 2012. Projects out to 2020 have also been revised based on new expectations. For example, the amount of state support is different than projected in 2012.

Compensation: The only set of employees that have not been analyzed for uncompensated merit is classified staff. The university is in the process of looking at classified staff positions and comparing it to the market in southern Colorado. They hope to have the study done by the end of June, but this is not a firm date due to the roll out of Elevate taking a lot of staff time to fix.

**Elevate:** The roll out of Elevate has caused considerable work for HR and finance. If you are concerned about your leave or have payroll issues, please contact Jeanne Durr. Carolyn Rupp indicated that December close has happened and they will be closing January today (3/10/16). March should close on time. There are still a few outstanding issues, but we are making progress.

Respectfully submitted

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