UNIVERSITY POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL  
2008-09 CHAIR: REED HOYT

MARCH 25, 2009  
MEETING MINUTES


GUESTS: none

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Delano called the special meeting to order in Dr. Hoyt’s absence. Dr. Phillips and Ms. Bessette led a review of 08-09 and 09-10 budget planning materials prepared by Financial Management and Budget.

Information presented included a review of prior year reductions and how they compare to our current situation, as well as how the 09-10 cuts may play out.

Discussion centered on the potential impact of the cuts to campus units:

- **Academic Affairs** – we have been asked to maintain instructional capacity, but the cuts that have been taken so far are opportunistic, not strategic – have taken vacant lines so far. Plan to cut Freshman enrollments by 100 and transfers by 100. Also may have a significant impact on accreditation.
- **Athletics** – we are already at the minimum number of coaches for NCAA Division 1 – Athletics is largely funded through the mandatory athletics fee, so the budget cuts impact mainly in that we will have reduced enrollment – fewer students to pay the fees. Also may have to close the pool (no instructional impact)
- **ITS** – won’t be able to fund any new startups
- **Finance & Business** – Customer service impact. Comparing ourselves to national standards for cleaners per sq ft, we rate a ‘C’ right now, and our grounds staff ratio is already really bad. Cuts will further impact our ability to keep up facilities, i.e. 5 year paint cycle will become a 10 year cycle
- **Research cuts** would force more work upon the schools – CTG, ASRC, CFG, CSDA and CWG would be impacted
- **Student Success** – elimination of vacant lines; no Health Center services on Saturdays
- **Communications & Marketing** – hurts design and production capabilities

President Philip noted that so far, we have done the easiest part of the job – taking vacant lines is far less painful than making programmatic decisions that will impact real people. The faculty is not fungible, so we have to make cuts that will minimize the impact on program quality.

Dr. Delano thanked the presenters and a motion was made to adjourn at 1:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Stern