

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 4, 2002

1. The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) discussed the Status of Academic Initiatives:

The Survey and Policy Research Institute (SPRI)

The BAC discussed whether some of the money to fund this institute came out of the general fund. Vice Provost Nance said yes, some of the money came from the general fund. Vice Provost Nance said the goal is to get the institute to the point where it needs \$0 from the general fund within one year's time. The BAC discussed whether the money contributed to this institute would be put back into the general fund after it becomes profit making.

The Global Studies Institute (GSI)

The BAC discussed the purpose of this institute. Vice Provost Nance stated that the focus is on faculty who want to be involved in international activities. Another goal of this institute is to build the university's standing in the international arena.

Metropolitan University Scholars Experience (MUSE)

The BAC discussed whether MUSE was being funded partly from the general fund. Vice Provost Nance said yes, some money is coming out of the general fund. The BAC discussed the fact that lottery money had also been allocated for MUSE. Several members asked Vice Provost Nance what the total amount of money spent on MUSE was. Vice Provost Nance said approximately \$750,000, with some of this money being one-time expenses. There was discussion as to whether the program generated enough interest to be worth the expense.

Peer Mentor/Faculty Mentor Programs

There was discussion as to whether the Faculty Mentor Program was funded out of the general fund, or had received a lottery grant. Several members stated that it was funded with lottery funds, as was the Peer Mentor Program. Vice Provost Nance said that if some money from the general fund was used for these two programs, then it probably came out of the reserve. However, there is no longer any reserve money left. There was discussion as to where the money for these programs will come from next year.

Showcase for Learning

The BAC discussed why we held a Graduate Expo this year when we do not want enrollments to increase. There was general discussion that the Expo was held for public relations purposes. Some members questioned the fact that lottery funds should be spent only on instructionally related programs, and this doesn't appear to be instructionally related if the purpose was for public relations only. Some members suggested that we consider the necessity of this program during budget-cutting times.

Academic Innovation Model (AIM)

Several members asked what the mechanism to revisit the AIM policy was. Specifically, there was discussion about the need to reevaluate how AIM funds are being allocated. Several members expressed concern that the program is not being monitored to determine if faculty members in the departments agree with how the money is being spent. There was discussion that a few department chairs may be determining how the money is being spent without consulting the faculty. Vice Provost Nance said that in questionable situations, he has sent the request back to the department and asked them to have the faculty sign a statement saying they agree with the department chair on how the funds should be used.

2. The BAC discussed and approved bringing *AS 1191, Policy Resolution: Principles and Strategies to be Observed and Used during times of Budget Cuts* to the Senate for a first reading on November 25, 2002.