

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 2002

1. Provost Goodman gave a brief update on the major Academic Initiatives.
2. VP Rascoe gave a presentation on the Student Affairs Budget. VP Rascoe said that the basic mission of Student Affairs is to support the academic mission of the university in the form of activities/programs that enhance student-learning activities. VP Rascoe said that Student Affairs attempts to create a quality of life that enhances student retention. Some of the departments/programs that fall under Student Affairs include: Counseling Services, Health Services, Housing, Student Life Center, Ombudsman, Disability Resource Center, Judicial Affairs, etc. VP Rascoe stated that the primary budgetary concern of Student Affairs is the staffing levels. Student Affairs is still at their 1992 staffing levels, when they were forced to take staff reductions. VP Rascoe said that some of her departments have sacrificed filling staff vacancies in order to use those salaries for critical needs. VP Rascoe said that several departments suffer critical shortages, and have high turnover rates due to the higher salaries that staff, such as Health Center staff, can receive on the market. VP Rascoe discussed the fact that there are some budgetary items that are federally mandated, such as those required by the American Disabilities Act. VP Rascoe discussed the possible changes that might occur on campus when the new housing village is finished. VP Rascoe said that we could move from being a commuter school to a residential campus. VP Rascoe then answered questions from the BAC.
3. Chair Brent asked for a volunteer to present the Budget Cutting Strategies Resolution at the December 9, 2002, Senate meeting. None was immediately forthcoming.