

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Mr. Perez, Chair, convened the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee at 10:00 AM. Members present were Dick Beard, Dr. Stanley Marshall, John Rood, Norman Tripp, and Gallop Franklin. Other Board members present were Ava Parker, Dean Colson, and Frank Martin.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Perez called the meeting to order and thanked the members for their attendance. He announced that the meeting was originally scheduled to last until 2:00 PM, but given the number of university proposals he expected the meeting to go later into the afternoon.

Mr. Perez thanked the Governor for his budget recommendation that included no further reductions to the university's base budget. He reminded everyone that this is just the beginning and the Legislature has a lot of work to do to craft the 2011-12 budget.

2. Student Life Facilities Survey Report

Mr. Perez called upon Mr. Tim Jones to present the Student Life Facilities Report. Mr. Jones provided an overview of the report, including recommendations that would request the Legislature to amend the statutory cap on the building and capital improvement fee to allow up to a \$1 per credit hour increase. Any proposals to increase the fee would be submitted by the Board of Trustees to the Board of Governors for consideration. The committee was requested to submit the report and recommendation to the full Board to include the request in the 2011 legislative agenda.

There was discussion and support expressed by Mr. Franklin and Mr. Beard. Mr. Beard moved that the committee recommend that the full Board consider adding this statutory change to the legislative agenda. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the members of the committee concurred.

3. Fee Proposals

Mr. Perez provided a PowerPoint presentation of the proposals that were submitted along with the salient points from the Board Regulation 7.003. Mr. Perez also provided the Committee with the filters that he will use as he evaluates each proposal. After each

universities fee proposal presentation, the Committee will decide whether to make a recommendation to the full Board for approval or denial.

- a. University of South Florida – Provost Ralph Wilcox and USF students:
 - i. Global Experience Fee – Provost Wilcox and the USF students presented the need for the fee of \$10.00 per semester. After discussion, Mr. Rood moved that the fee be denied. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the members of the Committee concurred with a vote of 4-1. Mr. Beard, Mr. Rood, Mr. Tripp and Mr. Franklin voted in favor of the motion, with Dr. Marshall opposing.
 - ii. Green Fee - Provost Wilcox and the USF students presented the need for the fee of \$1.00 per credit hour. After discussion, Mr. Beard moved that the fee be approved. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the members of the Committee concurred with a vote of 3-1. Mr. Beard, Dr. Marshall, and Mr. Franklin voted in favor of the motion, with Mr. Rood opposing.
- b. New College of Florida - John Martin, VP of Finance & Administration and NCF students:
 - i. Green Fee – Mr. Martin and the NCF student presented the need for the fee of \$1.00 per credit hour. After discussion, Dr. Marshall moved that the fee be approved. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the members of the Committee concurred with a vote of 3-2. Mr. Beard, Dr. Marshall, and Mr. Franklin voted in favor of the motion, with Mr. Rood and Mr. Tripp opposing.
- c. Florida Gulf Coast University – Joe Shepard, VP of Finance & Administration:
 - i. Recreation Fee – Mr. Shepard presented the need for the new fee of \$4.49 per credit hour and a corresponding reduction in the Activity and Service (A&S) Fee. There was significant discussion regarding the creation of the new fee and the additional debt capacity created by decreasing the A&S Fee. Mr. Rood moved that the Committee defer action on the fee until general counsel had an opportunity to meet with legislative staff to determine legislative intent. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.
- d. University of West Florida – Jim Hurd, Associate VP of Student Affairs:
 - i. Student Life and Services Facility Fee – Mr. Hurd presented the need for the new fee and read a statement from the student president in support. The fee would be \$4.00 per credit hour and \$10.00 per semester. The Committee discussed the creation of a new fee that is similar to the building/capital improvement fee that is currently capped in statute. The Committee questioned whether the new fee circumvented the statutory cap and if that was the legislative intent associated with allowing the Board to create a new fee. Mr. Tripp moved that the fee be approved. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion.

The motion was defeated on a tie vote with Mr. Tripp, Mr. Franklin and Dr. Marshall voting in favor and Mr. Perez, Mr. Beard, and Mr. Rood voting against. Mr. Rood then made a motion to defer action on the fee until general counsel had an opportunity to meet with legislative staff to determine legislative intent. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously agreed.

- ii. Orientation Fee – Mr. Hurd presented the need to increase the orientation fee from \$35 to \$50. After discussion, Dr. Marshall moved that the fee increase be approved. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members of the Committee concurred with a vote of 4-1. Mr. Beard, Dr. Marshall, Mr. Rood, and Mr. Tripp voted in favor of the motion, with Mr. Franklin opposing.
- e. University of North Florida – President John Delaney and UNF student president:
 - i. Student Life and Services Fee – President Delaney and the student presented the need for the fee of \$4.78 per credit hour. After discussion, Mr. Rood moved that the fee be approved. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred unanimously.
- f. Florida State University – Interim Provost Bob Bradley, Chief David Perry and FSU student president:
 - i. Student Safety and Security Fee – Provost Bradley presented the need for the fee of \$.97 per credit hour. After discussion, Mr. Beard moved that the fee be approved. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion to approve the fee failed on a tie vote with Mr. Beard, Dr. Marshall, and Mr. Franklin voting in support and Mr. Tripp, Mr. Rood, and Mr. Perez voting against.
- g. Florida International University – Provost Doug Wartzog and FIU student:
 - i. Test Preparation Fee – Provost Wartzog presented the need for the fee for the College of Law. After discussion, Mr. Franklin moved that the fee be approved. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

4. Market Tuition Proposals

Mr. Perez moved to the last item on the agenda, university market tuition proposals, and reminded the Committee that only graduate on-line courses or courses offered through the continuing education program are eligible for consideration of market tuition rates.

- a. Florida International University – Provost Wartzog and Dr. Joyce Elam, Dean:
 - i. Provost Wartzog presented four market tuition proposals and indicated that the fifth proposal regarding Public Health was being withdrawn. The four proposals presented included Master degrees in

Business, Global Governance, Accounting and Business Administration. After discussion, Mr. Beard moved that the market tuition proposals be approved. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

- b. Florida State University – Interim Provost Bradley:
 - i. Interim Provost Bradley presented five market tuition proposals. The proposals included Master degrees in Social Work, Library and Information Studies, Management with a major in Risk Management & Insurance, Management Information Studies, and Business Administration. After discussion, Dr. Marshall moved that the market tuition proposals be approved. Mr. Franklin seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- c. University of Florida – Provost Joe Glover:
 - i. Provost Glover presented five market tuition proposals. The proposals included Master degrees in Outreach Engineering, Business Administration and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Doctorate degrees in Audiology and Pharmaceutical Sciences Clinical. After discussion, Mr. Rood moved that the market tuition proposals be approved. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.
- d. University of Central Florida – Diane Chase, Executive VP for Academic Affairs:
 - i. Dr. Chase presented three market tuition proposals. The proposals included a Masters degree in Business Administration and two professional Master degrees in Management and Real Estate. After discussion, Governor Beard moved that the market tuition proposals be approved. Mr. Rood seconded the motion and the Committee concurred unanimously.

5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Perez thanked the Committee for their work and said a decision would be forthcoming on whether to bring the Committees recommendations to the full Board during the February 17 conference call or waiting until the March 24 meeting in Tallahassee. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.