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Budget Committee

Friday, October 6, 2023

8:10-9:00 AM

Present: Alexandra Beard, Michael Giles, Gerard Haddad, Jessica Hester, Andrea Hoagland, Lorin Honeysett (guest), Tricia McKay, Jean Ramirez, Kabeer Ahammad Sahib, Sally Welch (guest), Lisa Whiting Dobson and Richard Williams

Agenda

- I. September 8, 2023, meeting minutes approved.
- II. Michael Giles, Political Science faculty, has joined the Senate Budget Committee as a new member. New Senator, Lorin Honeysett, attended the Budget Committee meeting to determine if she will join.
- III. Board of Trustees
 - A. Future BOT meetings attendance:
 1. October 23, 2023 – Denise Warner
 2. November 13, 2023 – Tricia McKay
 3. December 11, 2023 – Lisa Whiting Dobson (tentative).
 4. Note: Senate will pay adjunct faculty who attend the Board of Trustees Meetings on Senate business.
 - B. Jean Ramirez reported on the September 18 BOT meeting.
 1. The BOT approved a \$140,000 payment to Ellucian Company for the sole source purchase of a platform related to Department of

Education changes to the FAFSA processing system. No other service provider was available so the contract could not be bid out.

2. The LCC Association of Support Professionals (ASP) new contract was submitted for approval. Changes include salary increases, signing bonus payouts and the addition of sick leave. Board discussion focused on a step increase (from 7 to 10 steps), and the inadequate time Board members had to review the documents. The contract was approved.

3. The BOT is conducting a 1st read through of the 5-year Capital Outlay and will vote on this in October. The 5-year capital outlay coincides with the development of the LCC Campus Master Plan, which is in progress. Discussion focused on underspending and space utilization (e.g., Lansing Airport aviation building is being used for storage currently) and reluctance to invest heavily in the 505 Building. Don Wilske is still working on the 2023 closeout, but estimates a \$2.1 million surplus, although this figure is not final.

4. President Robison noted the Rogers-Carrier House exterior renovations are almost complete.

IV. Discussion with Provost regarding Innovation Award.

A. Question: Is there a sunset date for this award? Answer: Technically, the award was two years in length, and we are now in the 3rd year. The money should be spent by the end of this academic year. The budget for

this award is reviewed quarterly by Sally Welch and Don Wilske and the BOT asked about it at the May 2023 Board retreat.

- B. A \$45,000 award was just approved. Another application, requesting \$40,000, is coming soon from Toni Glasscoe. Approximately \$250,000 is left in this fund.
- C. Question: What happens if money is left at the end of the academic year? Is there any possibility to extend the grant period? Answer: Sally will explore this question with Don Wilske. The excess money could go to some construction projects that are academic in nature.
- D. Question: What are the parameters of this grant? Answer: This grant funds changes in pedagogical approaches, acceleration to credential or programs that fit future needs (i.e., electric vehicles). A drone project was previously funded, as an example.
- E. Question: For transfer programs, there are limited opportunities to develop certificates. Could the Innovation Award be used to develop a program focused on business development (by Economics Program) or digital history in the classroom (by History Program)? Answer: Discuss the proposal with Denise, since the Budget Committee is the first line of review of proposals. Also, look at the award for non-credit courses proposed by the Business Training Center as an example. The Michigan Legislature reintroduced the gainful employment ruling, and the College is still determining if this means certificates will require an outcome of gainful employment.

V. Food service on campus.

- A. Mike Giles and Denise Warner will meet on October 11 to look at this issue and determine next steps. They will discuss attainable goals, main players and main obstacles. Mike will present this information at the October 20, 2023 Budget Committee meeting.
- B. There is significant vendor space that is unutilized. How could LCC subsidize to entice vendors? Space utilization may be something to lean into given it is a resource/asset.
- C. Student underutilization of the Gannon commons results in lost opportunity for students to interact and be inspired by one another.
- D. Administration knows this is a problem and we need to know their perspective and actions taken. Proposal: write letter to President Robinson to get the college leadership perspective.
- E. Is it possible to provide tables in main thoroughfares for restaurant catering or to provide simple sandwiches?
- F. There may be a plan for Chris MacKersie and Rhonda Miller to speak with the Academic Senate regarding efforts to bring vendors to campus.
- G. Food trucks have sporadically been on campus, but this is not well-publicized in advance. The college needs a better way to transmit this information (other than Facebook posts), such as flyers, TV monitors, direct email, etc.
- H. Tricia noted there was a rally at the MI State Capital on the topic of student food insecurity in support of the Hunger Free Campus Bill, which

would provide money to colleges to provide low cost or free food on campus.

This would extend the K-12 law providing free breakfast and lunch.

VI. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Ramirez.