

Resource Allocation Workgroup

June 13, 2013

Tory Clark from Bitterroot College opened discussion by expressing concerns about the current method for determining their allocation. She cited some examples, such as students who are charged a UC fee, but never see the UC. She assumes that her funding includes the services of Public Safety, but the jurisdiction for campus police may not cover the City of Hamilton.

The remainder of the meeting involved reviewing the spreadsheet used for the proposed budget model, which had begun to be updated for UM. The support people from OPBA reminded the committee that the spreadsheet is a work in progress and by no means should be considered a final draft. The following questions and comments centered on the spreadsheet/proposed budget model:

- The 75/25 Tenure-track/adjunct split refers to Student Credit Hours (SCH), not FTE (Full-Time Equivalency)
- A suggestion that the entire adjunct pool should be transferred back to the Provost.
- A suggestion to break out lower-division, upper-division and graduate-level courses.
- A question or comment about separating online SCH
- Self-support does not count toward FTE
- Regarding the Promotion/Merit/Inversion Pool and recapturing vacant positions: it works when enrollment grows, but does not when it decreases
- Current budget cuts were decided by each unit in the academic sector.
- All non-academic sectors experienced a 7.5% reduction.
- Is responsibility center management a preferable model?
- Have any programs been eliminated in past ten years due to Program Review?
- OCHE program reviews are based upon data submitted by OPBA.
- UM is comprised of six sectors; instruction and facilities are included in the six.
- A reminder that some units may be governed by accreditation or industry standards with mandates regardless of their allocations. Example: facilities services must comply with regulations pertaining to cleanliness standards.
- OPBA can find facility costs for peer institutions from national data
- The committee should delve into non-instructional units and departments at the next meeting.
- Which type of budget model does the current spreadsheet represent?
- OPBA recently posted the Delaware Study, which includes productivity metrics for academic units.

The meeting closed with a reminder that the University Budget Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. Therefore, the Resource Allocation Committee will not meet on June 27, 2013.

Committee members in attendance on 6/13/13:

Larry Gianchetta, co-chair
Jim Hirstein, co-chair
Tory Clark
Jenny McNulty
Scott Whittenburg
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Kent Haslam
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