

FISCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PRESIDENT
Minutes of November 13, 2013

Members Attending: Pam Barr, Doug Covey, Hugh Hudson, Risa Palm, Jerry Rackliffe, George Rainbolt, Lesley Reid, Don Reitzes, Mary Beth Walker, Andrew Whyte, Peggy Wilmoth

Others Attending: Paul Alberto, Jeremy Billetdeaux, Chuck Derby, Michael Eriksen, Fenwick Huss, Beth Jones, Steve Kaminshine, Cheryl Levick, Carmen Newton, John Portland, Wayne Reed, Tammy Sugarman, Edgar Torbert, Sallie Wright

The minutes of October 7, 2013, were approved.

Mandatory Fees

Dr. Covey presented the recommendations of the Student Mandatory Fee Committee for reallocation of the \$35 library transformation fee to the following purposes: \$14 athletics (\$12 athletics, \$2 marching band); \$5 health; \$4 transportation; international education \$4, library \$5; and \$3 sustainability.

Dr. Covey noted the total amount of mandatory fees would be unchanged for 5 consecutive years. The athletics fee increase would fund mandated Title IX additions and expansion of the marching band. The health fee increase would fund electronic medical records, dietetic service, discounted pricing of commonly used prescriptions, and expanded urgent care. The transportation increase would enable a balanced budget with purchase of the new shuttle buses. The international education increase would increase the number of study abroad grants. The new library fee would fund the expansion of hours of operation with an oversight committee with half of its members being students.. The new sustainability fee would fund campus sustainability projects selected by a committee with half of its members being students.

Discussion focused on options for reducing fees, in particular to benefit graduate students and other students with increased unmet need.

The motion from the Student Mandatory Fee Committee passed on a 9-2 vote.

Graduate/Professional Tuition

Dr. Kaminshine presented the proposed tuition rates for the LLM post-JD degree program for lawyers with foreign law degrees. The rates would be the same as for JD students at \$6,900 and \$16,740, respectively for in-state and out-of-state students. The motion made by Dr. Wilmoth and seconded by Dr. Walker to proceed with the proposed fees passed.

Dr. Huss presented a slate of proposed total program fees/tuition rates for 12 master's degree programs in the Robinson College of Business: (1) Executive Doctorate in Business, \$109,000; (2) Executive MBA, \$69,500; (3) Executive MS in Managing Information Technology, \$13,834; (4) MS in Wealth Management, \$12,667; (5) Master of Taxation, \$12,667; (6) MS in Finance, \$12,667; (7) Master of Professional Accountancy, \$38,000; (8) Master of International Business, \$12,667; (9) MS in Marketing, \$38,000; (10) MS in Informational Systems, \$13,834; (11) Master in Global Hospitality, \$12,667; and (12) MS in Information Systems Auditing and Control, \$12,667. The motion made by Dr. Hudson and seconded by Dr. Walker to proceed with the proposed fees passed.

Morale Funds

Dr. Rackliffe announced analysis of the payroll revealed that the morale fund allocations of \$250 per benefits-eligible employee could be extended to all employees, not just those on state funds. The deans and vice presidents will be notified shortly of the amounts of those allocations.

Prepared by Edgar Torbert
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