

Group Discussion
Budget Issues 2009-10 through 2011-12

Open Forum – November 6, 2009 – McComsey Hall, Ford Atrium

- Suggested future focus on vertical cuts rather than horizontal cuts.
- Let's review and consider action on low producing programs, not just academic in nature, but others as well such as athletics, etc.
- Computer Labs – early morning, late evenings and weekends – no student occupancy but lights, heat, air conditioning, etc. are all on which generates additional costs.
- We should consider reducing heating temperature and increasing cooling temperatures, however, we must do this horizontally and consistently across campus.
- Our budget reductions should be both horizontal and vertical in nature to ensure sustainability.
- Should we consider roof top solar gardens?
- Increased revenue – summer session should be a focus.
 - Consider surveying students as to why they do not enroll in summer courses.
 - For student ease in determining what summer courses are available, we should provide one combined course offering list with specific session offered as part of the detail. Students currently have to look through each summer session to see what is being offered.
- Although an auxiliary operation, we should consider offering drive through services for dining purposes. This might generate additional revenue for the auxiliary.
- Charge-back of university support services to auxiliaries should continue and be at an appropriate level.

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- One by one or specific individual reductions will result in problems and resentment across campus. If reductions are shared across the board, the resentment is less.
- Perhaps we should limit our focus on what we do well and what we want to do well. This approach will result in excellence as opposed to possible mediocrity.
- Review disposable income expenditures and make difficult choices.
- Are there other strategies being explored for generating revenue such as Corporate Sponsorships, etc.?
- Are we looking at reducing our electrical footprint?
- Move from desktop computing to net-books or lap tops to reduce expenditures. Move to desktop virtualization.
- Should the University revisit Adult Education and Graduate Education?

Open Forum-November 11, 2009 – Stayer

- Green buildings created to save on utility costs
- Areas should move from printing and postage to electronic messages to students, faculty, staff
- Possible Faculty early retirement
- Selective cuts will create a better overall quality for campus
- Across the board – this appears as a fair way to cut costs
- Cost efficiency – looking closer at unnecessary travel and conference costs when webinar/webcasts are offered instead.
- Parking fee for all drivers on campus, not just students
- More frequent online classes offered
- Possible switch to a 4 day work week/3 day weekend to save money on utilities
- Building temperature reductions