The University of Michigan - Flint  
Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Budget & Strategic Planning  
February 8, 2008  
Draft Minutes

Present:  Jack Kay, Dave Barthelmes, Kui-Bin Im, Bob Stach, Eric Freedman, Beverly Shumer, Shu-Yu Tu, Vahid Lotfi

Absent: Shan Parker, Betty Velthouse

Minutes: The minutes of the Jan 25, 2008 CAC/BSP meeting were reviewed and approved with changes (suggested salary increase of 7% versus 3-4%).

Chancellor’s Announcements

J. Kay introduced David Lossing, Director of Government Relations to report on the Governor’s proposed budget and the implications for higher education. D. Lossing reported that the governor is again looking at a 2-bill approach for state appropriations: the big 3 (UM-Ann Arbor, Michigan State and Wayne State) and the 12 remaining public institutions. Also under consideration is a plan to base appropriations on the percentage of students, research and degree completions. Under such a scenario, UM-Flint would end up with an approximate 5.62% increase - with a recommendation that we hold the line on tuition increases.

Agenda Items

V. Lotfi reported on the ITS request for Identity Finder software in light of the recent security breach and sensitive information stored on the servers. The cost of the program was estimated to be less than $50,000. After a brief discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed that providing the cost not exceed $50,000, ITS should move forward with this purchase.

Copies of the various programs for review by the CAC/BSP committee were distributed. These include:

- BS/MS Degree program in Chemistry and Biochemistry
• Master of Liberal Studies - Theatre and Community

B. Stach requested Committee members review these documents in advance of the 2/22 meeting.

D. Barthelmes reviewed the timeline for changes to the current budget model and recommended that any proposed changes be reviewed and evaluated relatively soon so as to be implemented by the next fiscal year.

B. Stach inquired about funds for capital outlay projects. D. Barthelmes stated that currently there are no funds set aside for this endeavor and that given the current budget, this would be challenging. B. Stach stated his belief that the campus should be setting aside 1.5 million per year for capital outlay projects. J. Kay indicated capital outlay should not be viewed strictly as those projects funded by the state, but infrastructure needs that may exist as well. It was agreed that this is an issue that must be addressed.

A discussion commenced regarding the Kearsley Corridor issue. B. Stach stated his concerns relative to vibrations and the effect this will have on labs and equipment located in MSB. B. Stach stressed the need to set aside funds for vibration dampening. V. Lotfi and B. Webb (assistant VCA) will be speaking with various vendors relative to potential methods/devices, etc. to reduce and/or eliminate vibration issues.

B. Stach commenced a discussion relative to salary increases and indicated increases will certainly be dependent upon the state, but also enrollment increases. Across the board increases create difficulties for supervisors who have employee performance issues. B. Schumer stated her concern relative to staff increases and the lack of periodic reviews. V. Lotfi also expressed concerns that across the board increases take away from a supervisor's right to award merit increases. It was agreed to continue this discussion at future meetings.