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

Minutes: The minutes of the April 18, 2008 CAC/BSP meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Continued Discussion Regarding Budget Issues:

J. Kay reported that he and the Vice Chancellors had met earlier today (4/25) with the deans relative to budget proposals. The deans were agreeable to a 4% salary package with the merit discretion at the unit level. They were also supportive of a 4.9 or 5% tuition increase. It was again reiterated that much will depend on the outcome of the State Revenue estimating conference scheduled for May 15th.

Additionally, assumptions are continuing based on the current budget model which assumes a 2$ undergrad enrollment increase and a 4% increase in graduate enrollment.

Other Items of Discussion

- J. Kay reported that there is strong support for a medical school in Flint and that discussions are continuing on this topic.

- J. Kay also reported that all 15 public universities have a 50/50 chance of receiving capital outlay funds

- J. Kay brought to the committee’s attention the recommendations of the Fee Policy Committee which typically are not presented to this committee. Tucked away at the end of the recommendations, however, was a request to submit questionable items to this committee for discussion. V. Lotfi has reviewed the fee requests and submitted his recommendation as to those to accept and/or reject.

A questionable fee request was submitted by Comm/Art. Without additional documentation, this committee felt they were unable to make a proper
determination with regard to the request. A discussion then commenced concerning the guidelines under which the Fee Policy Committee operates. V. Lotfi expressed his recommendation that the Fee Policy Committee needs to review these guidelines. Ultimately, it was decided by this committee that the Fee Policy Committee must decide fees.

- An Amended Request from the Fee Policy Committee was presented to increase fees for dual enrollees and freshman orientation. After a lengthy discussion, this committee expressed their opposition to this increase, stating that the additional fees may be more damaging than helpful.

- B. Stach passed along an informal request by Registrar Karen Arnould relative to registration fees. The Registrar has requested registration fees remain with the Registrar's office as opposed to going to the general fund. D. Barthelmes indicated this isn't the first time that he has heard of this “informal” request. No action on the request was taken by this committee.

**Budget Model Evaluation Plan**

Jerry Glasco was present to speak with the committee relative to the evaluation process for the budget model. J. Glasco stated it is important to recognize the difference between the budget process versus the budget model. J. Glasco feels the most critical question to ask is whether the model has supported the goals of the university.

Timing of the evaluation was discussed and it was suggested that the committee seek to gather input during the fall with the goal of implementing changes in time for the next fiscal year.

A discussion commenced concerning mediums for obtaining input. It was strongly suggested by J. Glasco that input be obtained via one-on-one interviews with the folks who work most closely with the budget model. The question was raised as to whether or not “what if” scenarios could be created. J. Glasco and D. Barthelmes both indicated this could be accomplished.

T. Robertson felt it is important that in the process of gathering input a “boxing match” situation not be created between faculty and the deans.

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It was decided that CAC/BSP meetings will run through the end of June.