Budget Council Meeting Notes  
June 15, 2011

Members in attendance: Charles Bodkin, Susan Brooks, Chris Ervin, Elizabeth Hardin, Niki Moseley (for Ramah Carle), Trey O’Quinn, Connie Rampey (for Frank Fleming), Danielle Rodriguez (for Angela Gay), Carrie Smith, Ken Smith, Darin Spease, Gary Stinnett, Charisse Turner, and Cleo Widmaier

Update on FY11 Budget:

- Beth opened the meeting by providing a recap of our current budget situation. A memo received earlier this month from OSBM essentially took $14.8 million of our FY11 cash. We learned, however, that we can request exceptions for critical expenditures.
- We are in the process of gathering information for our exception request; and by tomorrow, we will have a request for as much of the $14.8 million as possible. Currently, our total is now $12.4 million in critical expenditures to include in our exception request, not including information coming from Kendra Cooks relative to Banner and 49er Mart.
- In a conference call with OSBM staff members, Ken and Trey learned that we must include full details on our exception request.
- Beth alerted OSBM of our intent to submit an exception request. We will also send a narrative to provide context, such as the positions we have lost and the fact that we are the largest Pell recipient in the system, to hopefully strengthen our request.

Update on FY12 Budget:

- We will not know the amount of our FY12 allocation until mid-July, even though we have a budget override. It will be a month before we know the amount of our cut.
- The budget bill includes a list of things that cannot be touched. For instance, some smaller schools may be held harmless from the cuts, which means unprotected schools must absorb those cuts in additional to their own. Beth anticipates our FY12 budget cut will be between 13% and 15%, but we just do not know for certain at this point.
- We cannot make decisions about reductions in force (RIFs) until we have the final budget, although there is a good chance other campuses will be announcing their numbers.
- What we are doing now could have a secondary effect on FY 12 money. We will have no contingencies to pay for items that are processed for payment in FY11, but could not be paid because we ran out of money.
• If you have orders you intended to pay with FY11 funds and do not have FY12 funds to pay for them, it might be advantageous to consider cancelling them.

Other discussion:
• Gary Stinnett revisited the new salary legislation included in the 2012 budget bill that will certainly be passed. He found the language to be the same as last year, but the budget is different because provisions now prohibit any salary increases in excess of 10% without off-campus approval. It applies to all funding sources, and both EPA and SPA employees.
• Beth reiterated the need to help people better understand what is going on so frustrations will not be inappropriately expressed. No one is happy about this situation.