University Budget Committee--Brief Notes
Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Committee members present: Dave Bunting, Denise Campitelli, LeeAnn Case, Chandra Schumacher, Alan Coelho, Martine Duchatelet, Virginia Hinch, Gina Petrie, Don Ross, Annette Skaer, Stacey Warren

Committee members absent: Roberta Brooke, Samson Hatton

Staff Present: Mary Voves, Toni Habegger, Alexandra Rosebrook, Roxann Dempsey

The Eastern Washington University Budget Primer was distributed. This document provides the Overview of the University budget process and will be shared with Presidential candidates. This document was posted to the Business and Finance Website.

The FY2015 Supplemental Operating Budget presentation was distributed and discussed. This presentation was reviewed at the May BOT meeting as our budget needed to be modified due to the tuition authority not being granted. This change reduced our overall Tuition Operating Fees (fund 149) by a negative $3,201,000. The University had not allocated the funds as of yet so there will be no reduction in budgets but there will also be no money allocated new initiatives. The Legislature did appropriate $1,000,000 of new funds to support STEM related programs. The state forecast is approximately $2,000,000,000 more in revenue and $4,000,000,000 in expenditures. EWU will begin working on budget requests for submittal this summer and will share the drafts with the committee in July. Requests will include packages for items like TRIO, Summer Bridge, STEM and Salaries. We will schedule a meeting for July to discuss and receive feedback prior to submission. On the Capital side we will be requesting funding for the new Science Building. A 15-year Capital Project Review has been posted to the Business and Finance Website. This document will be updated each year. Over the last several years we have been lucky as the Legislature has been generous for our capital budget. The maintenance level however has not been.

EWU will now have ownership of the Phase 1 Classroom Building and WSU will continue to maintain the facility. There will be a grand opening next week on June 2.

In mid-July the budget instructions for the 15-17 biennial process will begin. In September parameters for the internal process will be shared. Based on the request of the committee and the
presenter, we will allow more time for budget hearings for the next go around and will give the committee more time for analysis.

The UBC brainstorming session notes on the budget process was discussed.

There will be no June meeting but need to plan a July meeting after the budget instructions are released.

Meeting adjourned.