

Planning & Budgeting Council
May 11, 2009

Present: Brent Askvig, Kristi Berg, Rita Curl-Langager, Conrad Davidson, David Fuller, Donna Harvey, Ken Johnson, Roger Kluck, Cheryl Nilsen, Sarah Perry, and Deb Wentz

Absent: Andrew Figueira, Mikhail Bobylev, Lisa Johnson, and Teresa Loftesnes

Legislative update

The legislature was very good to higher education this past session. They did approve a 5% salary increase for state employees who will bring us either at or very close to our peer institutions.

The Compensation Task Force has reviewed market rates and will be bringing full time professors and clerical help up to 96% of their market rate.

They have also required us to keep the tuition increases to no more than 4%.

Building projects

Swain did receive more funding so we should be able to complete that project

We did get \$2.5 approved towards the boiler but will be able to apply towards geothermal if we find funding for that project.

Timeline for moving physical plant building – should go to bid in August. Plan is to shell it out before winter and finish the inside during the winter with our own people.

Have asked for stimulus funding to hopefully convert campus to geothermal

Peer Institution – final report

The council felt that we need to get this final report to campus as soon as possible. Maybe a letter or executive summary should accompany it to provide more clarification. Should highlight items we have met, those we are working on and what we are focusing on in the coming year.

Other

We are moving ahead on seeking NCAA DII status.

We have had discussions on reinstating a marching band.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Wentz