

Minutes

Faculty Council Budget Committee
January 6, 2003
419 Student Union

Present: Comer, Gelfand, Moder, Warde

- I. Gelfand opened the meeting by returning to the issue of fee waivers, in particular the OSU Alumni Legacy Award program. Much discussion ensued on the various issues of dollar amounts, goals of the award, GPA requirements, and effectiveness of the award as a recruiting tool. The committee reached a consensus that the best approach would be to recommend capping the award at an annual total dollar amount for the whole program (i.e. for incoming freshman each year), and distributing the award on the first-come, first-awarded basis. A fixed annual dollar amount would make it much easier for the Planning, Budget, and Institutional Research office to budget this item.

The committee also felt that a suggestion should be made to raise the minimum GPA from a 2.0 to a 2.5 for retention of the award. Due to the small attendance at the meeting, the working sub-group of Gelfand, Moder, and Warde planned to write up a draft recommendation for the February meeting.

- II. A brief discussion followed on President Halligan's push for the development of an OSU law school in Tulsa. At this time, the idea is unformed and seems infeasible.
- III. The committee then revisited the NOC-Stillwater issue. Moder pointed out that NCAA regulations bar athletes from taking remedial courses off campus and having them count towards their enrollment, or even have them paid for by their institution. Thus, the proposal that OSU's remedial courses be shifted to the NOC institution in Stillwater would seem unworkable. Questions were raised as to how the NCAA rule impacts the arrangement OU has with OCCC.
- IV. Gelfand attempted to take back up the issue of the lack of input of the various faculty committees on university budgetary issues, but there was insufficient time to engage this topic.
- V. Gelfand announced that the Budget Committee would tentatively meet during the spring term on the last Monday of each month at noon in SU 419. The remaining meeting dates for the semester are: February 24, March 24, April 28, and May 26, 2003.

- VI. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Jon Comer