

## *Minutes*

Faculty Council Budget Committee  
January 27, 2003  
419 Student Union

Present: Comer, Ebro, Gelfand, Moder, Smeyak, Warde

- I. Gelfand opened the meeting by returning to the issue of fee waivers. Moder presented a draft recommendation outlining the basic goals of such a resolution, with the main features being the imposition of a cap on the total annual dollar amount awarded, a limitation on the number of annual awards, and the formation of a committee comprising the Budget Committee chair and two representatives of the Executive Vice President's office (one each from enrollment management and budget). This Undergraduate Tuition Waiver committee would meet annually to make funding recommendations to the University Budget Committee for the succeeding year. After some discussion, an additional provision was added to recommend raising the retention GPA for all such waivers to a minimum of 2.5 depending on the waiver.

Moder said she would make the appropriate revisions and additions to the recommendation and circulate it electronically. If approved by the Budget Committee, the recommendation would be placed on the agenda for the February 11 Faculty Council meeting.

- II. The committee briefly discussed President Schmidly's intention to create a Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing position. President Schmidly feels that such a position, which exists at Texas Tech University, would pay for itself by bringing in more out-of-state students and that OSU could accommodate 25,000 students in Stillwater.
- III. The committee had previously discussed President Halligan's announcement of his desire to create an OSU law school in Tulsa. However, President Schmidly has apparently rejected this idea.
- IV. The issue of NOC offering remedial courses in Stillwater, and the impact this might have on NCAA requirements for athletes, was revisited. However, the Budget Committee feels that there are as many non-budgetary issues as budgetary ones, and that the Executive Committee would be a more appropriate entity to pursue the topic.
- V. Gelfand renewed his call for ideas to help the Budget Committee become more proactive in managing campus budget issues. The primary concern is creating effective mechanisms to ensure that the Budget Committee is consulted in advance of important budget decision-making processes. Moder suggested that the committee could draft a recommendation stating that the Budget Committee chair and the Faculty Council officers should be included in meetings that occur between administration, deans, and other unit leaders prior to making final budget decisions, rather than simply being informed of such final decisions through the University Budget Committee as presently occurs.

Gelfand announced that he was meeting with Joe Weaver later in the day and would be discussing this issue.

VI. In conclusion, Gelfand told the committee that Faculty Council Chair Lawry is very concerned with the increasing levels of commercialization of the campus, especially but not limited to athletic activities. Gelfand asked the committee to think about this topic for discussion at February's committee meeting.

VII. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Jon Comer