

**University Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting, November 19, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM. In attendance: Werner Wieland (chair), Mukesh Srivastava, Paul Messplay, Colin Rafferty (secretary), Patricia Reynolds, Stephen Farnsworth, Janet Asper, Dana Hall, Les Johnson, Doug Searcy.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

All minutes approved as submitted, with the exception of 9/24, approved as amended, and 10/29, approved as submitted.

Motion on Greek Life

Farnsworth collaborative motion tabled until after Searcy presentation.

Student Life

Doug Searcy spoke on the various roles that Student Life plays on campus, explaining both functionality and their roles to the budget. In total, the budget for these services has decreased by about \$4500 this year. Without the ability to freeze positions, many of the cuts have had to come to services rather than personnel; they have not been able to do as much as they would like.

Resident Life has cut about \$23K administratively, \$20K programmatically, and 65K from the furniture budget (fully half).

The Talley Center is still overwhelmed and understaffed even with the additions over the last few years. In the future, they may have to limit the number of visits that a student can do, although the average number of visits is about 4.5. The limit may have to be between 6 and 8. The number of students needing help at all levels of seriousness has increased from previous years. All the funds that UBAC recommended last year have been put into play, and all have been utilized to the maximum levels. Searcy's philosophy has been to spread the burden of cuts across as egalitarian as possible; \$2K from the Talley Center, although they were able to do that without affecting student services. UMW Cares has also seen its responsibilities grow.

Student Health and Judicial Affairs are both essential parts of the student experience, and the focus is on helping students meet their core needs. Student Health cuts have been approx. \$2K administratively, and \$26K in personnel (reduction of services due to confidentiality requirements). Judicial Affairs has seen an increase in its role thanks to the change in Title IX; they have had a 1.5K cut, about 10% of their budget.

Athletics is doing well. Searcy reports that a recent focus group of athletes reported high levels of satisfaction with their UMW experience. The Athletic Director made a cut of \$38K in a first round, and an additional \$2K in a second round. They're looking at cutting the housekeeping contract as well, as that would allow for (75 out of 315K proposed) cuts without majorly affecting student offerings. The Golf team was discussed, and the importance of communication with faculty was emphasized by the committee.

UMW Police budget: after the 2008 sexual assault in the parking deck, the University entered into a contract with Allied Barton to provide security in various places on campus (parking deck, library, Dahlgren, more). \$93K has been cut from the Allied Barton contract portion of the Police budget through reorganization. The remainder of the Police budget has seen a cut of approx. \$3K.

Student Involvement's top responsibility is to engage students outside of classes, providing them with activities on the weekends and evenings. They have seen \$45K cuts in the recent drawdown. Essentially, this cuts out a concert or two, which also need to be more carefully researched before booking.

\$9k cut in student activities, including some programmatic. Campus Rec has seen cuts of about \$6K, although maintenance has to be addressed.

James Farmer Multicultural Center is important to the school's identity and message. The annual Multicultural Fair brings in several thousand people each year. Nevertheless, the JFMC has seen a cut of \$7k.

The committee asked Searcy about the RISE Mentoring Program and the possibility of collaboration between various mentoring and intervention programs.

Student Life follows the leadership of the board and the President on Greek Life. There is no decision to be made about Greek Life right now, but it will be settled by the spring via a methodology that will finalize and legitimize the answer. Greek Life would require a \$30K impact in order to have a staffing position in place to allow it to happen.

Resolution Regarding Greek Life

Farnsworth moved the following, Srivastava seconded:

Given the negative impacts of "greek life" systems at other colleges and universities, the University of Mary Washington should not authorize the use of any University and Foundation funds or facilities to aid in establishing and/or maintaining a Panhellenic system.

In these extremely tight budgetary times, the university cannot afford:

-- the additional criminal and civil liability and related expenses that would likely result from the consequences of authorizing "greek life."

-- the additional resource demands upon its already overburdened student life support systems. The university already struggles to meet current requests from students seeking aid for academic and/or social challenges at UMW, and experience elsewhere demonstrates that these demands would likely increase with the establishment of a "greek life" system.

-- to lose the revenue from students who choose UMW because it does NOT have an official Panhellenic system.

-- to lose alumni contributions from those who attended an institution without an official "greek life" system and would oppose the proposed change.

The committee discussed the motion. Asper moved to call the question. Motion passed 7-0 among voting members.

The committee set February 4th as the meeting date for the first spring semester meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.