

COB Budget Committee meeting Wednesday, November 2, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Glass Hall Board Room

In attendance: Stephanie Bryant, Sandy Byrd, Barry Cobb, Sandy Culver, Carole Hale, Mike Merrigan, Jim Scott,

Randy Sexton, Cathy Starr, Dick Williams Absent: Richard Gebken, Kate Mendenhall

Recorder: Sherri Cornelius

**Charge:** Provides input to the Dean on budget-related matters.

## 2016-17 Members:

Dean Bryant	Chair	MKT	Barry Cobb
Kate Mendenhall	ex-officio	TCM	Richard Gebken
SOA	Sandy Byrd	Department Head	Dick Williams
CIS	Randy Sexton	BAC	Sandy Culver
FGB	Jim Scott	Staff	Carole Hale
MFD	Cathy Starr	Faculty Senate Representative	Richard Gebken
MGT	Mike Merrigan		

## Agenda

- 1. Election and/or affirmation of COB Budget Committee reps on University Committees
  - a. Academic Affairs Budget Committee (2)
    - i. Barry Cobb unanimously approved
      - 1. Nominated by Jim Scott
      - 2. Seconded by Mike Merrigan
    - ii. Sandy Byrd unanimously approved
      - 1. Nominated by Jim Scott
      - 2. Seconded by Cathy Starr
    - iii. Dean (by charter)
  - b. Executive Budget Committee (1)
    - i. Richard Gebken (previously elected via email)
- 2. Discussion of COB program-specific fees
  - a. We are currently in the fifth year of a 5-year agreement in place that assesses a \$25/hr fee (above normal tuition) on COB undergraduate classes at the 300 level and above.

- b. The amount of this fee COB receives is directly tied to COB enrollment.
- c. Other colleges that have a similar fee
  - i. COAL
  - ii. CHA
- d. Nationwide literature says that Business, Health and Engineering colleges can sustain this type of fee, based on graduates' income potential
- e. We provide an annual report to the university regarding how these fees have been spent
- f. COB is considering asking for an increase in the fee, to cover additional things that would benefit students and help the college in areas important to the university
  - 1. Recruitment/retention
  - 2. Diversity/inclusion
  - 3. 4-year graduation
  - 4. Affordability
- g. Suggested uses of additional money generated from fee
  - i. Internal tutoring
    - 1. Additional/larger computer classrooms/spaces
  - ii. Need-based scholarships
  - iii. Staff to identify diversity students so they can receive additional support
  - iv. Leadership program
  - v. Classroom upgrades
    - 1. Carpet, paint
    - 2. Building maintenance
    - 3. Technology
- h. We could consider also applying the increase to 200-level courses
- i. Group is supportive of asking for 40/hr on 300 level and above classes
  - i. We need to be held harmless if restructuring changes affect our enrollment numbers
- 3. Salary Savings
  - a. Equity adjustments
  - b. Implications for hiring (9 open searches)
- 4. Other