



**President's Planning and Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes – February 24, 2009**

Chairwoman Ziegler opened the meeting and asked President Papp to lead a review of actions steps associated with the Strategic Plan. In light of the current budget climate, some action steps must be modified or placed on hold. Preparations are underway for the FY10 budget which will be largely based on priorities set forth in the Strategic Plan, thus the need for modifications. The results of these modifications will be presented first to the Cabinet and then submitted to the BOR to emphasize what we are NOT able to do as a result of the budget cuts.

Goal 1 – To enhance and expand academic programs and delivery.

(Categories: Off the table, back burner, maintain, do it)

Regarding salaries and benefits - there will be no merit increases. Promotion funds must come from formula funding, red financing or compressions funds. Regarding summer money, all departments are encouraged to offer as many courses as possible. Outcome: off the table for now.

Regarding student-faculty ratios - we have already lost ground and will likely lose more ground in order to meet Fall 09's anticipated enrollment growth. We need to look at all options to increase course offerings. Outcome: off the table for now

Regarding QEP – we continue to make progress, but not as much as we would like because of budget constraints. Since we are in the first year of the global fee, its effectiveness is yet to be determined. Outcome: continue

Regarding quality and quantity of technology – we are barely managing to keep up with demands. IT dollars have been used to fill other holes in the budget. Outcome: maintain

Regarding faculty professional development – we will continue to do as much as possible. Outcome: maintain

Regarding the development of a strategic plan by each academic and operational unit – each area should have one and be engaged in ongoing review and prioritization. Outcome: do it.

Regarding the addition of degree programs that are strategically important – this has been placed on the back burner for lack of resources. Outcome: back burner

Regarding modifications to the general education curriculum – this has been placed on the back burner pending USG review of the core curriculum requirements. Outcome: back burner

Regarding increased library holdings – the goal is to maintain, if possible. Outcome: maintain

Regarding increased off-site and online courses – the new programs developed in conjunction with Georgia Highlands for Dallas/Paulding County will proceed as long as BOR has the necessary funding for space renovations. Outcome: back burner except for Paulding

Regarding strategic marketing – the advertising budget has been cut in response to pressure and scrutiny of the BOR and legislature. External news media and internal publications will be used to highlight academic areas of excellence. Outcome: off the table

Regarding continued enhancement of the professionalism of the faculty and staff – kudos to faculty and staff for their response to current economic challenges and budget restraints. Outcome: maintain

This completes Goal 1. Reassessment will continue at the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.