COMMITTEE: University Budget Committee

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2002

PERSON PRESIDING: Rick Niswander

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: P. Clarke, H. Ferrell, B. Hanrahan, R. Niswander, A. Rodriguez, K. Walsh


OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: L. Lee

ACTIONS OF THE MEETING:

Description of action:
The minutes of the March 21, 2002 meeting were approved.

Description of discussion:
A summary sheet was distributed for AA's budget areas with the original base, permanent and 1% increment cuts and their combined yield displayed. Holding the classroom harmless could still be possible within the first 4% of cuts.

R. Brown discussed the difficulty in 4% permanent cuts, as last year we were able to hold vacancies when faculty retired, but this action will not continue to solve our budget crisis. He further explained that President Broad was to negotiate with Governor Brown bartering that if the System agrees to a 5% permanent cut ($6 million), we will be given latitude to address the cuts and fully fund enrollment increase. If we had knowledge of the percentage of cuts, we could manipulate funds (i.e. no enrollment dollar increase) to fit our needs. Tuition increase cannot be used to off set permanent cuts.

Possible ways to offset budget issues were also discussed - address poor course scheduling (freshmen T/Th classes overloaded at times), and push out-of-state enrollment (we 2 years to achieve the 18% limit).

Chair Niswander profusely thanked the dedication and tenacity of this committee that began in May 2001. Faculty Chair Morrison thanked the committee for its hard work and appreciation of complexity of the budget.

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2002