

## Minutes - Revenue Enhancement Committee

August 18, 9:00 am OM 321

Primary purpose – Develop fee proposals by area

### Agenda

- Update on Enzi STEM building fees
- Update on concerns regarding insurance costs from Risk Management
- Issues regarding campus information – upcoming presentation to FCAC and Provost Miller
- Updates on area proposals – Ricki, Greg, Mary
  - o others?
- Note – due date for proposals is this coming Monday (Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Attending: Susan Frye, Mary Burman, Denise Gable, Reed Scull, Gerry Andrews, Anne Alexander, Suzie Young, Ricki Klages, Rob Godby, Greg Brown, Paul Dellenback (for Dean Pishko)

Absent: John Mittelstaedt, Michael Pishko

Rob updated committee on issues regarding the costs of technology in the new Enzi building and the fact that departments will have to assume the costs of maintaining technology in the building. This is different from how classroom technology costs are assessed in many other instructional buildings on campus. These costs will have to be included in our fees as potential cost considerations. Greg noted he has been seriously considering this, and has included it in his A&S fee proposal. Gerry may also have to consider it as some of the affected departments are in Ag.

Reed noted that on the general issue of technology that testing-lab costs need to be covered and wondered if this was better dealt with under a mandatory all-student technology fee versus a specific program like Outreach since many programs and students use the facilities. It was agreed by the committee this would likely be a case where the mandatory fee would be more appropriate as a way to deal with this issue.

Rob also noted that insurance costs are a potential issue – Risk Management had contacted him to ensure these costs are still covered but Rob had assured Laura in that office that the planned fees should include those charges. She did note it is possible new insurance costs will have to be incurred in some programs such as Engineering and Rob relayed that to the group.

Rob noted he has been asked to present the committee's work to Provost Miller and the FCAC.

Ricki presented her work on an ART fee. She noted that a \$75/ cr hr fee would be market competitive and would cover existing costs that are being covered out of support budgets and also from fees not reported in the fee book that students pay individually. She also noted Theatre and Dance and Music were working on proposals that should be ready by the end of the week.

Greg then presented his work on both an A&S fee and Sci-Q fee. On the A&S fee the primary cost justifications include existing technology fees and also an expansion in advising and placement services that Dean Lutz would like to implement as a centralized service in the college. The fee currently may be

in the range of \$5 and generate approx. \$1 million in revenues. These would be used to fund a central advising office and staff, a career internship center travel grants and a fee reserve for instructional needs such as a seat reserve.

The Sci-Q fee would apply to NSF-defined STEM areas in A&S – for example Anthropology, Botany, Chemistry, Geography, Geology, Life, Math, Physics, Stats and Zoology. Fees generated would be in the neighborhood of \$1.2 million and based on a three-tier system of \$8, \$16 and \$32. Fees are designed to include Enzi instructional needs, and an instructional reserve along with an assistance center and supplemental instruction. Greg noted that the Enzi building is being described as a 21<sup>st</sup> century building and facility and the fees will ensure it is used that way.

Reed and Susan noted that the fees should be able to cover cost increases as they occur. Some concerns were raised on the steps in the fee and if this might implement acceptance however, others argued they should be justifiable, but we will see.

Mary presented an outline of the Health Science proposal, she noted there will be a college fee of about \$9 covering advising and instructional equipment along with technology needs. Within the college there would also be differential fees in those programs that can justify the costs – specifically Nursing and Kinesiology and Health. Communication Disorders and Social Work are unlikely to assess a fee at this time for undergrads, though Social Work may keep the one course fee currently on the books in that area.

Committee also discussed the need to consider direct costs in some areas such as health equipment and uniforms students must purchase – should they remain in the book or be removed since it would seem unnecessary to include those in the fee book (stethoscope or shoe expenses for example). Other costs such as background checks may have to be rolled into fees or left separate. This may need further discussion though if possible such expenses for students should be rolled into program fees where possible.

Susan noted that the Law School was considering a proposal and whether it should be include with ours. Rob noted he preferred it not to be but would defer to President Nichols and AA as to whether Professional school changes should occur right now while our proposal is moving through.

Reminder – proposal drafts due next meeting.

Next meeting Monday OM 321 from 1-2:30.

Rob also noted that he foresaw no need to continue our current meeting schedule after next week. Greg noted this was one of the best pieces of news he had received recently. Rob noted that no offense was taken.