



University Wide Budget Deliberations  
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Attendance:

- Mary Corbin
- Alexis Calatayud
- Juan Gilces
- Alian Collazo
- Danielle Ruiz
- Allhan Mejia
- Kenley Jean- Louis
- Lauren Peterson
- Shannonlee Rodriguez
- Jose Toscano
- Larissa Adams
- Magda
- Maria Pulido
- Michelle Castro
- Silvana Rogelis
- Natalia
- Matilde Gramling

In Session at: 11:04

Matilde: We get the figured from the financial office and the methodology for enrollment. The financial planning people are having a meeting with the vice president and provost about enrollment which shows us how much money we would approximately have. Last year, we had a weird year because we had to reallocate and had a couple of lists of projections and figures. The original projection and the 2<sup>nd</sup> projection with the A&S increase is what we had allocated. The fee is 14.85 per credit hour. Last year we had 18.3 million and this year we are at 17.8 million. With the dual enrollment, bad debt and sponsor credit we are left at 17 million and with the reserve for ACB the beginning of the deliberations we are left at 16.9 million with 248, 767 from last year left to allocate. We have one- time expenditures from last year available at 248,767. The off the top salaries are at 3.4 million with a university wide 1% percent increase. The salaries that are considered off the top that does not contain the big five. Big Five= fringes. Spoke with Lunsford about the one time requests from GC, Wolfe center, etc. and he has allowed to go into the ACB to fund the special one time request if we are struggling at the end. We had a reduction in 356,000. We go back into the base funding and increase salaries by 1% into their salaries. If it does not happen, it goes back to you guys.

Allhan: does the 1% go to salaries

Matilde: not always

Alian: Why do we have to pay for dual enrollment

Matilde: it comes from higher level financial planning offices and the state mandates that we must fund it.

Matilde: Once we take the base funding we have 902,000. And we start the year at 4.2 million and we are down at 300K consistent with what was said at the beginning.

For U-Wide you start at a cut and not a new allocation rate

Alian: Pretty much the A&S increase went where? Career Services?

Matilde: It went to TRAC and Career Service, it was 1 million out of the 2.2 million.

Matilde: I know last year we did across the board budget cuts but I don't believe that because you hurt some organizations as part of the across the board. Also keep in mind, the strategic plan goals because that's how you got the increase last year.

Juan: How much are we starting with?

Matilde: 4,475, 720

Alexis: Can you help me understand where we're at this year because last year it seems like we allocated 10 million and this year we have 4 million?

Matilde: I think what you're saying is a little bit different. These all include base funding area, the four that we are doing is after the base funding is out and if you put them back in then it would be 13.8- 13.5 million. The 248,000 came out from the last year projection. The difference is 356, 977.

Jose: does that answer your question Alexis.

Alexis: Yes because we are taking out of the bases.

Matilde: Fringes are going up but no one knew of it beforehand. They don't know it's going to hit them by that much. They are base funding which means their operations are going to take a hit apart from the special project. The ones that are affected are GC, Wolfe, Rec Center, Aquatics.

Alian: What would happen if we can't fund Fringe?

Jose: then we cut OPS and the services are cut back

Matilde: The building wouldn't run the same and they would probably start charging.

Maria: Does that mean that we can go back and examine the other funding including the base funding.

Jose: Yes

Alexis: Dr. Lunsford allowed for us to go into the ACB for special projects?

Matilde: Only for the one time projects

Jose: Stop paying attending to the 248,000 because of the fringes pay attention to the main sheet with the 4.2 million

Matilde: The Fringes is recurring so we take that out of the 4.2 million. From the 4.475 million take out the fringes then you're left with 4.275 million

Alexis: what is the ceiling that Lunsford gave us for the ACB

Matilde: We have to look at it as we go along. If no one has any questions we can start now

Mary: Every one go to BMI. Were going to review the things that must be funded and work from there

Alexis moves to fund BMI music license for \$35,617

Alian seconds.

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Juan: How much money are we left with?

Matilde: 4.191 Million

Alexis: Did common reading even present?

Michelle: They didn't put in a request so its zero funded

Alian moves to allocate 43255 to Convocation?

Juan Seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Juan: Next we have Orgsync

Maria moves to allocate 30,068 to Org sync.

Juan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Mary: Next we have student handbook

Alian moves to allocate 44,310 to the student handbook

Juan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Mary: Next we have Student Life

Alian moves to allocate \$13,500 to the student life awards.

Allhan Seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Allhan: We have to go one by one because if we go alphabetically then we will get confused since we are not doing across the board funding.

Mary: U-Wide leadership retreat

Alexis: What happens if we do 36,000 instead of the 44,000 or 38,000?

Jose: It will affect the giveaways and the speaker

Alian: Does everyone feel comfortable with keeping the number the same from last year?

Juan: I move to allocate the 38,500 to the Leadership Retreat

Alian seconds.

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Alexis: What don't we have cut?

Alian: I don't think that we can cut homecoming because it would be worse than last year especially due to the costs. I think that we can allocate the last year's number and if we have extra at the end then we can revisit and see if we can help them out.

Maria: Can we add a proviso to explore the venues with less production costs. Because I feel the production is what is killing them

Mary: We can't proviso them

Alexis moves to have a ten minute discussion

Maria seconds.

Alian: The concert is something that affects all students and homecoming is something all students enjoy

Alexis: We have to start looking next year if the concert falls again then we have to look at the numbers from last year and then going on a third year problem.

Alian moves to allocate 425K to Homecoming.

Juan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Alexis: We have a couple that operate on bare bones budgets and my first would be the women center.

Allhan: Does everyone agree that we keep ISSS the same?

Everyone agrees

Maria moves to allocate 44,200 to ISSS.

All second

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Allhan: We have 3.5 million left

Juan moves to a ten- minute discussion time for the women center 11:57

Alian seconds

Juan: I want to bring to everyone's attention that there is a new line item that says they are requesting a graduate assistant. We should not fund the new line item for the graduate assistant.

Alian: I agree

Maria: Are we keeping it at last years budget

Alian: I want to see if there is another place where we can help them out since they do work hard. I say that we can give them an extra 1500

Allhan: I think that we should give them an extra 3,000. Also are we including overhead in the number

Matilde: The overhead is included in the number that you give me

Ends discussion at 12:00 p.m.

Alian moves to allocate 68,000

Allhan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: Abstain

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Kenley moves to a three minutes recess, Alian seconds. 12:02 p.m.

(12:15 p.m.) Maria moves to openly discuss Relay and DM

Maria: Last year we wrote in Proviso that DM would have to be contingent to retain 10% of the fundraising money to the next year

Patty: The money asked for is for the leading up to the event and they only carry over 5%. The money is used to engage students on campus and leadership development.

Juan: Leadership development is the biggest priority for both

Alian: These are two events that affect huge amounts of students and allows for outreach for the community and it's a minimal cost of the budget and things like this of 1700 we need to fund because the increases that they are asking for is not 70% its increases that are going to programs that have a really good output for student engagement.

Mary: Both of the organization help with the strategic planning with outreach and the affinity for the first two years

Kenley: If we increase then we have to cut something else

Alian: We have to be strategic about increases and cuts

Juan: I'm thinking about 1,000 increase

Maria: Are we including proviso

Patty: With such a small budget it would take away some of the freedom of the event.

Juan moves to allocate 4,000 to DM

Dani seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Relay for Life

Mary moves to enter three minute discussion

Mary: My argument is the same for relay because of the opportunities available to students.

Allhan moves to allocate 4,000 to Relay for Life

Alian seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y  
Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: Abstain

Alian: Before we go to aB I think we should talk about the SGA intern program. It has shown some great results because it encompasses the future leadership of SGA and other organizations.

Allhan moves to allocate 9,000 to Intern Program

Alian seconds

Alexis: y  
Juan: y  
Mary: y  
Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Alexis: Did we fund the student life awards

Mary: yes

Juan moves to a five minute discussion on aB

Danielle seconds

12:28 p.m.

Juan: I feel like we can't fund the new two line items

Mary: I feel like the seminars are a good option that affect 500 students

Allhan: If we increase the 1,000 then what makes us sure that it won't be used for something else

Juan: With a larger budget I think that we can provide.

Silvanna: You can give me line item by line item and add them up

Alian: I am passionate about the program because I know the effects of this but I think the best thing that we can do is keep it as is to not have to cut it.

Out of discussion at 12:32

Juan moves to allocate 70,000 to Alternative Breaks

Alexis: y  
Juan: y  
Mary: y



Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Allhan: I think we should move into discussions about who can function on a cut

Allhan: Is MPASS a u-wide thing because we had a request at BBC specific that included MMC. Wouldn't it be smart to have them combined?

Matilde: It would be up to you to act accordingly

Juan: I think that we should do a 5,000 cut of MPASS because

Alian: I know that they do a lot of good things but most of the money goes to two specific events

Allhan: Well the money in homecoming also goes to more two events

Alian: The reach for Homecoming is larger than MPASS.

Alexis: I would feel more comfortable cutting them 3-4 thousand instead of 5000

Mary: Why not 5000?

Alexis: Does everyone agree with cutting 5000

All agree

Mary: We can cut overall instead of line item

Juan moves to allocate 60,000 to MPASS

Alian seconds

(7 Yes- 2 No)

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: No

Kenley: No

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Alexis: Let's move on to BSU

Maria: We should look in to Orientation because that will take us into a much lower number

Mary: Let's move in to a three minute discussion (12:46)

Alian: They asked for 20,000 to add two more session and I think it's a great program that helps students but they asked for more 50% Increase

Juan: How much was the cut last year?

Alexis: We didn't cut them, they got an increase

Silvanna: In the second deliberation they got an increase. Originally they got 195,000 but the second round they got 235,000

Alexis: That was probably stipend

Mary: Let's extend the discussion by five minutes

Alian: I think we should cut them to 200,000

Alexis: It was a special request item that we allocated them for.

Alian: I think that 200,000 is a good number

Maria: Did we figure out the number

Juan: There was a special request

Maria: What was the request for?

Jose: I suggest we table it while we get last year's budget

Move out of discussion 12:51

Alexis: They do a lot of professional programming and a lot of programming, last year they were cut last year 12%

Allhan: They don't do programming at BBC so were funding an MMC council

Alian: We can proviso them to do more BBC programming

Kenley: I think if we cut them it'll hinder the chances of them going to BBC at all

Maria: I think that we might have to cut them realistically speaking.

Alexis: The number of people that these people impact with the number of students that they have? The number that is presented here is very strategic

Mary: Since we cut MPASS and then we cut BSU then we are eliminating programs for the group of students

Kenley: I think we can proviso half the events to be at BBC

Allhan: I disagree because we are shackling people

Alexis: We can proviso them to have a signature event at the BBC

Juan: Like for Black History Month they could do an event over there

Kenley: If we fund the 69K, how will that affect the programming especially for BBC.

Mario (Graduate Assistant): We would have to work to make sure that we are targeting the black population on both campus

Alexis: IF we proviso the amount to go to BBC programming then how will that affect the overall programming?

Mario: We would have to see what the proviso entails and compare MMC and BBC and see what we could do with the money and program for the money that is allotted to BBC.

Maria asks for a point of person privilege

Jose: Being historical, say something specific that you would like to see. How is it defined for you to create a strategy for the students to deliver back on what you are asking of them? As an administrator I would like to know what you would like to see so that it commands presence

Allhan: So this year you want us to be specific in Proviso

Jose: just give an idea of what you would want from the BBC side

Mary: We could ask for one lecture and one Black History month event to be held at BBC. A maybe cultural event forum. Giving them three events

Alian: I'm getting a feeling that you guys want a percent put on that. It's one to 5. I think we should table that until after lunch

Allhan: We can vote now on the number but proviso has to be given on Friday

- proviso will be decided on Friday

Alian moves to allocate 70,000 to BSU

Juan Seconds

- Alexis: y
- Juan: y
- Mary: y
- Alian: y
- Dani: y
- Allhan: y
- Kenley: y
- Lauren: y
- Maria: y

Lunch break at 1:10PM

Back into session 1:39PM

Mary opens discussion for OPP

Allhan: What is the parent and family day?

Jose: It is during homecoming week and it's a lunch where the president attends and the families walk over to the parade

Allhan: It's the difference between one budget and the second

Alian: Have they been able to do the parent day without the increase

Jose: The expectations for it increased similar to the way at the convocation

Alian moves to allocate \$205,000 to OPP

Juan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Mary: Can we go back to the other page to see other priorities?

Juan: Can we move to the Honors College?

Mary: Let's move to Honors College

Alexis moves to zero fund the Honors College

Allhan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Mary: Let's move to debate

Alian: We could fund the same amount

Matilde: It might be good to consider other areas that have other funding streams. We have to get it our self or no one will fund it whereas some others can get funding from academic entities.

Alexis: Let's cut 5,000 to 25,000 and keep moving

Alian: I'm ok with cutting the debate but I'm not ok with increasing.

Allhan: We have to think about it as a new request

Alexis: No one knows that it's a new budget request, to them they are starting from 30,000

Juan: We can explain it in a letter  
Alian moves to allocate 25,000 to debate team  
Allhan makes a friendly amendment to cut to 20,000  
Motion fails

Jose: They are recognized as an award winning entity that brings name recognition to the university as they compete against Ivy League Schools

Alian: I have never heard about debate team so I don't think we should keep them the same, I think they could live with 25,000

Juan moves to allocate 25,000 to the Debate Team

Dani seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Juan: I think that we have to keep in mind about how they used to get a little bit of money from their membership, which they no longer have

Alexis: Whatever increase we give them I think that it's important to give them an increase

Maria: Whatever we give them, has to have proviso to go to the Trail of the Torch

Alian: Can we do 15,000?

Michelle: They are not in the division of student affairs, they are in the division of alumni. They are part of the fundraising entity

Mary: Do they get money from somewhere else

Michelle: they should

Maria: They are hard to reach

Juan: We can fund them for trail of the torch and the training to the ambassadors for a total of 11,000

Maria: Can we ask whether they can get funding from other areas if we do cut them

Matilde: They are a 452 fund code meaning its mixed money and they get to keep left over

Alian: I think we can cut everything except trail of the torch because it's an important event to the university.

Alexis: I've met with Betty the advisor that they are not able to get money from other places for the programs even with the membership  
Point of clarification: is it for 10,000 or 11,000

Juan moves to allocate 10,000 to student ambassador program

Alian seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Proviso is to be set:

Alian moves to set proviso: Increase over the last FY 12-16 allocation 1250 is used for the trail of the torch

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Proviso is set

Mary moves for a three minute recess (2:18)

Back into session at 2:29

Alian: I think we should for FIU in DC because there's no money, I move to zero fund FIU in DC

Kenley seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Diversity day

Mary: Let's look at what the request looks like. They are asking for 10,500

Juan moves to allocate 7,600 for diversity day

Alian seconds

Alexis: y  
Juan: y  
Mary: y  
Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Alian: I'd like to discuss Conduct and Conflict resolution. They are asking for 16,000 and they had 12,254. I think that they should be funded at 12,000

Alian moves to allocate 12,000 to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolutions

Dani seconds

Alexis: y  
Juan: y  
Mary: y  
Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Alian: A question for the advisors and Jose, for SAGA where did they get their funding

Jose: Campus Life MMC&BBC would donate money to function the program

Alian: What would happen if we zero funded SAGA?

Jose: They would go back to asking from Campus Life but that is how you get the grads that would eventually be working as advisors and administrators.

Kenley moves to allocate 4,000 to SAGA

Juan seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Freshman Luau

Allhan: The extra thousand is to engage the housing students that are going to be at BBC

Alexis: I think we should keep it the same, and is there a way to engage the freshman and attract them

Allhan moves to allocate 10,400 to Freshman Luau

Alian seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y

Mary: y

Alian: y

Dani: y

Allhan: y

Kenley: y

Lauren: y

Maria: y

Miss FIU

Mary: They are asking 11,000

Alexis: You all asked for 5,000 increase what happens if we keep it the same?

Shannon: It limits what we could do for the promotional aspect of the pageant and other expenses

Alian: I love the pageant and the success that it's been but I think we should fund it at 6,805 of the previous years.

Alian moves to fund 6,805 to the Miss FIU Scholarship Pageant

Kenley seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: y



Mary: y  
Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Alian moves to fund Order of the Torch at 1,000

Dani seconds

Alexis: y  
Juan: y  
Mary: y  
Alian: y  
Dani: y  
Allhan: y  
Kenley: y  
Lauren: y  
Maria: y

Allhan: Matilde last year when we got 946 we have to subtract 257 to the water treatment

Matilde: The money came from ACB

Juan: Can we go over the special project from CLS? I think that we are struggling with money and we just don't have the money to fund the professional staff

Alexis: we need an institution to not make it an institution driven initiative and the way is to have an administrator to run the student driven changemaking. We need to have a person from the student affairs to organize students and organize them in the outlets of changemaking. I sit on the budgeting on the institution and when talking about the Ashoka, its put aside and funded separately. What can we invest in the assistant director because it's important as a student to say that this initiative is important to us?

Juan: That brings us to the reality that we don't have the money, we would love to contribute but the numbers are not on our side. Because in FIU in DC the money is mostly going to grads as well

Alian: We can't take it out of ACB so it has to come out of the money 2.9 million

Alexis: Is there a special reason why the money that we can take out of ACB has to be special projects?

Matilde: Because it's non- recurring

Alexis: We started with 4.4 million and now we are at 2.9 can we request 600,000 and it goes in to the budget.

Matilde: It's a great deal where we are being matched.

Allhan moves to a five minutes recess, Juan seconds  
3:03PM  
Back in session at 3:15PM

Alian: Can you explain everything to everyone else?  
If we use the \$248,767 and put it in to homecoming what would happen?  
Matilde: That's risky and I would not recommend it

Matilde: Last year \$2,471,000 and BBC has \$810,000.

Alian: Can we decide what to do 30K?

Maria moves to suspend the rules, Juan seconds

Maria: Can we see what the numbers what it would look like if we were to fund the CLS position.

Alexis: Can we revisit the FIU in DC because it's a one-time thing where we can take it out of the ACB or the special projects fund.

Maria: Can we look at other line items that are to be prioritized as well and affect more students?

Mary: Can we look at other special projects? Because there are more projects that affect

Alian moves to remove 31,674 from the current budgeted 425,000 of Homecoming and add that amount to the CLS position for 31,674. Alian moves to take out 31,674 from the special allocation reserve and allocate that to FIU Homecoming  
Maria seconds

Alexis: y

Juan: N

Mary: N

Alian: Y

Dani: N

Allhan: y

Kenley: Abstain

Lauren: y

Maria: y

**Motion fails**

Mary: I think that we need to adjourn and go back to evaluate the projects and the priorities. We are talking about the same thing and moving around money and going nowhere.

Alian: The projects that are one-time projects like the lights, AV, fire alarms is what we should be funding. But I definitely think we shouldn't be voting on anything else.

Maria leaves the meeting at 3:49PM

Alian: Lighting in the Wolfe center for \$50,000 needs to be updated. I have reservations about the rooms.

Larissa: Those rooms have mold and they are old and need to be redone completely.

Alian: I think that are have to fund this. We would have to fund the lighting, the AV for the conference room that will take care of the mold.

Mary: We are moving on from the WUC

Alian: Can we move to the Rec Center? The tennis courts will sink into the ground and we should not fund this, look for solid ground and the roof of a place to put it under. I think we need to fund the weights because they need to be replaced. The positions for the Rec Center should not be funded as it is recurring line item.

Mary: Now for the Graham Center, update the digital system for GC, AV to 243, renovate the game room, replace the 83 task chairs, upgrade the projectors in the third floor, replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor carpet, carpet in 243, restrooms by the game room, fire alarm, electronic key locker, janitor cleaning equipment.

Alian: Out of these, the priorities are the fire alarm, the key lock, and the chairs.

Juan Moves to adjourn, second by Allhan.

Meeting is adjourned 4:08PM