

MINUTES
COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND BUDGET
March 27, 2009

Voting Members Present: Sandy Bingham-Porter, Sandy Bowman, Teresa Britton, Sarah Daugherty, Gene Deerman, Zack Doiron, Karen Drage, Gary Fritz, Cay Kolling, Gloria Leitschuh, Cynthia Nichols, Thomas Nierman, John Henry Pommier, Patricia Poulter, Gary Reed, WandaKay Robinson, Denis Roche, Jenny Sipes, Thomas Stevens, Jocelyn Tipton, William Weber

Absent: Mona Davenport, Diane Jackman

Non-Voting Members Present: Blair Lord, Paul McCann, Dan Nadler, Jill Nilsen

1. Call to Order

William Weber called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2009

Motion (Doiron/Bingham-Porter): Approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by acclamation.

3. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 23, to establish the agenda.

4. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Presidential Area – Cynthia Nichols reported that the cost savings committee has made progress towards meeting the president’s charge to promote campus discussion and gather information from campus units related to cost containment. Sandy Bingham-Porter assisted with the establishment of an email account to which members of the EIU community may send suggestions for cost savings: costcontainment@eiu.edu. Recommendations submitted to that account will be collected by Derek Markley, Special Assistant to the President. Gary Fritz, Sandy Bowman, and John Henry Pommier volunteered to be added to the list of individuals serving on this committee. Additional committee members are welcome.
- b. Academic Affairs – No report.
- c. Business Affairs – Cay Kolling reported that the subcommittee met with Paul McCann to discuss the recent House and Senate hearings in Springfield, as well as unfunded mandates to higher education. There is no decision yet from the state regarding the 2.5% of appropriated funds that colleges and universities have been asked to set in reserve for FY09. It is anticipated that the FY10 budget for the state will include a significant amount of stimulus funds; this complicates forecasting anticipated state funding for FY11 and FY12.
- d. External Relations – No report.
- e. Student Affairs – Sarah Daugherty reported on EIU’s 7th annual Panther Service Day to be held on Saturday, April 25. The theme for this year’s Service Day is “Volunteers on the PROWL.” The

event will kick-off with a brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with service activities scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. To participate, please contact the Office of Student Community Service at volunteer@eiu.edu or 581-6048.

Jenny Sipes reported that Tech Logic has been selected as the vendor to provide technology for the new Textbook Rental Service facility. Tech Logic's Ultra Sort system will utilize cutting-edge technology to identify, check-out, check-in, inventory, and sort books and educational media. This new technology will allow for vastly improved customer service delivery, greatly reducing the amount of time spent by students waiting in line.

5. **Reports**

a. **Budget Update**

William Weber discussed EIU's participation in the Illinois House and Senate appropriations hearings, the Governor's budget recommendations for FY10, and budget implications for FY11 and FY12.

b. **Facilities**

Gary Reed provided an update on legislation related to financing the new steam plant. He also provided information on current building projects including the new Textbook Rental Service facility and Student Success Center. Work continues to progress on the installation of a new boiler in the existing steam plant, replacement flooring in Lantz Arena, a sprinkler system in Stevenson Hall, and a new scoreboard at the football field.

c. **Legislative Update**

Jill Nilsen described key bills being tracked by the University. The progress of the 206 bills being tracked by EIU may be followed on the website of the Vice President for External Relations: <http://www.eiu.edu/~eiuer/legislation/viewall.php>. This website is updated every Friday. Some critical bills include HB1200, SB2009, HB1079, SB1828, HB656, HB2329, and SB37. Advocacy Day in Springfield will be held on April 22.

6. **Other Business**

The CUPB budget transfer committee met immediately following this meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion (Doiron/Reed)

Jenny Sipes
Special Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs