Finance Committee Minutes

2008-11-14

Present: Monika Ardelt                           Kimberly Browne
         Jane Brockmann                           Dean Paul D’Anieri
         Sam Brown                                Chris Snodgrass
         Ken Merz                                  David Pharies
         Paul Robinson                             Andrea Sterk
         Ken Wald                                  Caroline Wiltshire

Meeting commenced at 9:00 am.

The meeting opened with comments from Dean D’Anieri, followed by a dialogue with the committee. To summarize the topics discussed:

- The Dean sees the committee as taking part in a two-way communication, not only presenting faculty concerns to him, but also presenting budgetary matters to faculty.
- In response to committee questions regarding process, the Dean said he intends greater openness than hitherto, and will give our committee as much advance notice as possible on major budgetary decisions.
- The Dean said that he was reluctant to go over past decisions (dating from before his tenure), preferring to focus on the future; his position is that additional cuts to CLAS would have detrimental repercussions throughout UF.
- With regard to the possibility of further cuts, the Dean’s understanding is that the next meeting of the Legislature is likely to decide on additional call-backs this year rather than cuts for next year.
- Again regarding cuts, the Dean was definitely against the idea of their being announced just prior to vacations, but he noted that the timing of decisions from the Legislature could force things.
- Kimberly circulated and discussed data sheets on the 2008/2009 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted

Paul R