

Report of the Faculty Budget Committee 1989 - 1990

The Faculty Budget Committee met on ten occasions from September 1989 through July 1990. The Committee also presented three reports to the Faculty Senate: (1) the agenda of the Faculty Budget Committee; (2) a response to a Faculty Welfare Committee Report, and (3) a joint report with the Faculty Welfare Committee on salary increase allocations.

Among the issues considered by the Faculty Budget Committee during the year were:

1. Funding of the Thomas Cooper Library emphasizing the agreement reached between Dr. Holderman and the faculty. Provost Smith reported on library funding to the Faculty Senate.

2. University funding priorities with a major concern being the requirement to annualize the 1988 - 89 salary increases. Another major concern was the need to support departmental operating budgets. New programs are to be evaluated to determine (a) if they fit the mission of the university (b) if they are self funding and (c) if money is available.

3. Increasing enrollments from constituencies other than the Freshman class as a means of increasing FTE's. The possibility of implementing enrollment management practices with the different colleges was considered.

4. The number and salary structure of university administrators. The University Self Study Committee is also addressing this issue.

5. Financial support for South Carolina College.

6. The possibility that highly desirable support services may need to be cut to increase funding for academics. A related issue concerned the question of proliferation of staff at the expense of faculty or research positions.

7. The problems created in the 1990 - 91 budget resulting from the annualization of the 8% salary increases which became effective during the 1989 - 90 academic year.

8. The impact on state revenues and hence on the university of Hurricane Hugo.

9. Possible sources of additional funds such as the University Bookstore, housing, parking, the Coliseum and vending machines were discussed. The possibility that student services could be reduced was considered.

10. The financial impact of altering the summer school calendar and increasing faculty summer compensation; also the impact of the pre -1974 proviso guaranteeing summer teaching assignments was discussed.

11. The current status of all academic programs approved by the Board of Trustees over the past three years.

12. Consideration of what steps might be taken if there was a disastrous budgetary shortfall for the 1990 - 91 fiscal year.

13. The hiring freeze.

14. The reduction of services provided by the Writing Center.

15. Faculty salary increases and their allocation.

16. Tuition and fee increases.

17. Funding considerations of the SE Manufacturing and Technology Transfer Center.

18. The Faculty Welfare Committee's recommendations designed to reduce faculty salary inequities.

19. Funding required to prevent a "computer crisis".

20. Discussion of the 1990 - 91 budget with particular concern over the vacancy lag factor and health benefits.

21. Possible emergency budget cuts.

22. The need to hold back the allocation for instructional computing.

23. The need to protect the academic funding of the university with the unfortunate result that non academic areas may be squeezed.

24. Proposed new buildings (eg. Music, Journalism, Student Services and Graduate Science Center).

25. The desirability of university presidents working together to improve higher education.

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