

## Senate Minutes February 23, 2011

**Meeting start at 6: 33**

**Associates present:**

Jordan Garkow

Hayward

Elizabeth Brennan

Sheehan

**Executives present:**

Eric Berlingberg

Matt S

Amy Lamb

Chase Eckerd

Andrew Ives

Allison Watt

Keegan Shulz

**Gallery input?** None

**Consent agenda?** Objections? None

**Guest speaker**

**President Frank:** Hello it's nice to be back and talk to everyone. I am going to give you an update on the budget. I believe it is the least of the bad choices of the budgets being considered, although I can't say I really like the budget. There is a huge growing dependency on private funding instead of state funding. I will walk you through my thinking on this. The highlights under revenues were that we knew we were going to lose the last step of state funding. CSU's cuts are about 20% of the states. If we didn't increase tuition at all our budget would be 36 million in the hole and I would be in a correctional facility. I support higher education and I wish I wasn't here with a budget that falls highly on tuition increases but I am. We asked units to plan for budgets with 5- 10% budget lowers. We would have lost incredible amounts of things before looking at these budgets. Concerns that were raised were with 5% reductions what

would happen with contention with students and with the 5% cut levels we will lose faculty, staff and GTA's. My summaries, based on loss of faculty members, we would lose 25000 seats in liberal arts alone with the 10% cuts. We discussed a decrease in lab time for the sciences; we all know that writing in the curriculum is a huge part of learning. There is always talk of closing programs, and we have closed in the last 12 years, more programs than we have starts. We are worried of course about research productivity and research facilities. We are the states leading producers of STEM educators and #2 ranked Vet College in the country. 95 faculty positions would be lost and over 150 staff positions on top of the already 5%. I reached the conclusion that cuts on this level are unacceptable unless we have run out of all other options. The only thing next to think about is the raise in tuition. In the numbers in this budget you can see how this money goes straight to many different colleges. 4.2 million Of the cutbacks will be offset and used straight for educational programs. Higher Eds funding was dropped by about 36 million. We are going to be proposing and we will be rolling it out to campus probably within the next week. I have highlighted this budget to our board of governors; our current csu tuition is shown on the top line and shown other universities. I recommend that we close the 10 to 12 credit hour gap; the tuition will end up going up 20%. There will be an increase for a Colorado resident by just over 1000 dollars. If you add the 1051 on there, it's about 63.07 and still below our peers but we don't know what they are doing next year. For non-residents, we are proposing a 3% increase. Even though there appears to be room to raise that, but by raising nonresidents, it could really drop the tuition numbers. The discipline from graduate students is really what determines the tuition. Nonresidents increase for graduate students is again 3%. We pass our differential tuition directly on to the different programs, these changes would apply only to juniors and seniors and we base it on a tiered system on high cost high demand and high return. A classic example would be many of the liberal arts majors that have a lot of demand. We are suggesting a three year phase in of these and we would be starting on a level of 25, 35, and 45 dollar per credit hours. We have a very complicated tuition structure and there is quite a bit of confusion when billing happens and we are trying to make that a lot easier to understand. CU advertises their basic tuition at 7000 and with differential it can go up to 11000 dollars. All of these numbers with differential tuitions, and base, would be lower than other peer institutions still. The remaining process is that we will turn the budget out to campus for comments and there is budget insider which is a training session that will help with understanding. We take email input and take all input and consider it and in April we will turn out what we think will be our final budget. When we finalize the budget, we will present it to the boards in May and suggest comments and in July the budget will be going into effect. Do you have questions?

Shaughnessy: you listen the differential was based on credits, how many is that based on?

Frank: it is based on 15 and it is based on courses as well.

Shaughnessy: you also mentioned the possibility of having cut programs, have you looked at restructuring programs?

Frank: yes, I've tried very hard to look at vertical program cuts and the fact that we have eliminated so many programs over the years just tends to limit that. Can you merge programs and colleges? Yes you

can and if you are ruthless about holding the line on administrative, it ends up that one staff would have to do all the same work for 2 departments or colleges

Newcomb

Matt: will there still be high cost course fees?

Frank: we are not eliminating all special course fees, such as arts or cadavers,

Matt: we have been doing some surveys and the general response is that there is not a lot of apprehension about the increase but there is some apprehension about what exactly they are. I was wondering if you had any educational programs set up?

Frank: we want to be sure that we are getting the information to the students and the parents. I am not going to spend too much time on the g=credit gap but what seems the most interesting is how much it is going up and that we can keep it affordable with still having the right amount..... We won't spend too much time on the credit hour gap though

Matt: there is a bill in the state senate right now and I was wondering if you had a chance to look at that and have opinions on that?

Frank: yes we have looked at that and the author is for higher education, I am skeptical that despite our best efforts that all of your outcomes need to go up but your funding is being cut it takes data collection and we are talking to higher ed about some moderations to that bill. Many things have been said and until this year, I have never seen so many bills introduced that regulate

Newcomb: with what is going on in federal Gov. with the likely hood of decreasing research funding, how can you project the budget based on such a huge uncertainty? How realistic is it and what can be done?

Frank: as competitive research funds are being decreased, we have been focusing our energy lobbying and you can cut different things but try and hold cutbacks on competitive funding. When the budgets are cut, I think the cut will be phased in, and we will remain to be one of the most successful research facilities. Almost none of the research funding is funding classroom work its more soft research" positions. There will be many research support pieces that are being cut and,,,, I don't think its going to be as big of a deal.

No more questions

Frank: thank you and thanks for your time

**Next guest speaker**

Judy: I wanted to come to ASCSU and extend a personal invitation to our grand opening, Wednesday March 23, between 430 and about 515, I just wanted to personally invite all of you to discuss the

designs and new renovations of the Rec Center, the pool is going to be finished by the end of march, and the delay is because of extra things being put in. Thank you.

**Ratifications?** Swear ions? None

**Judicial?**

**Senator?**

Jackson: social events is going to be next Friday, north chipper lanes at 8

**No more reports**

**Associate senator reports?** None

**Executive reports?**

Berlingberg: 2010 fiscal repots were releases, in SFRB we had rec center and student legal, I have copies of the budgets here if you want to look. We are trying to present the LSC renovations to everyone so please feel free to ask about the renovations

Nate: this is related to an article in the collegian about the video game, first your ideas will never be laughed at in these chambers and your ideas really should be heard. I want to thank you all for the work you do. I will post hours and please don't be afraid to come to me. And please don't let outside sources discourage you.

**Committee reports?**

Eden: Jason Berlinberg is the new vice chair so congratulations

Weiner: adopt committee changes to 4020

Eden: the first therefore clasue should read article 7 not 8, minor changes,

**Objections?** None

Weiner: I would like to put thios on emergency status, I ahvent talked to anyone who has any issues with this, motion to place this on emergency status

**Vote: passes**

Weiner: pretty straight forward, I copy lot of the language from SFB and I think this will improve the quality of SFRB members and I like to think it will change problems before they occur

Eden: I do feel like everyone should be ratified and I have sat in on the SFRP

**Vote**

**Committee reports?**

## **Old Business?**

### **New business**

Jackson: adopt Most of you probably remember the student voice surveys, a lot of students have some issues with eh smoking on campus. We wanted to open up discussion all over campus to discuss certain things that can be done with the smoking. Unless we can really show that the student body wants no one will look into it. So I think we should

Weiner: could you talk about the whereas clause seems a little at ends with the therefore clause that this committee is here to evaluate?

Jackson: I think it is because it is so different across the nation and we need to re evaluate

Shaughnessy: enforcement too? Or just policy?

Jackson: we are including campus PD so hopefully looking at enforcing current policies and certain changes

Eden: how do you choose reps. From ASCSU

Jackson: we could vote

Gallery, have you spoken to outside sources?

Jackson: I have emailed as me but I only got responses form one

Weiner: send to committee of speakers choice

### **Sent to external**

New business: none

### **Announcements?**

Jackson: senator outreach next Friday at chipper lane. Let people know. Free bowling free shows.

### **Associates Present:**

Garkow

Hayward

Brennan

Shehan

### **Executives present:**

Meeting end at 7:37