

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 6th, 2014
303 GSB Large Conference Room

Members Present: Jenna Muniz, ULC, Chair
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources, Vice Chair
Ashley Cypress, College of Health and Human Sciences
Michelle Staros, College of CVMBS
Jeff Cook, Graduate School
Amber Weimer, College of Natural Sciences
Matt Lancto, College of Liberal Arts
Matt Fergen, College of Business
Alex Brown, College of Engineering
Lance Oles, College of Agricultural Sciences

Members Not Present:

Members at Large Present: Sam Guinn, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present: Robert Edwards, College of Natural Sciences
Annalise Norman, CVMBS
Tori Boedigheimer, College of Health and Human Sciences

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present: Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Becca Wren, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Cassidy Collins, Staff Support
Andrew Olson, SFRB Liaison
Kristi Buffington, Facilities Management
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Tamla Blunt, Ex-Officio Member

Visitors: Molly Debrock

I. Call to Order at 5:00 PM

- a. Jenna called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 27th, 2014

- a. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes from February 27th, 2014.
- b. Lance seconded the motion.
- c. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.

III. Vote on Cash-Funded Projects

- a. Jenna explained the project budgeting matrix created by Steve and Becca, which shows the Board's remaining balance after project funding.
- b. Jenna also explained that the Board should begin by voting on TRIO and Visual Arts, because they are less complex in funding options.
 - i. Jenna opened discussion on TRIO – The funding ask is \$17,896 and calls for new carpet and paint. \$156/student
 - ii. Jeff moved to approve the project
 - iii. Michelle seconded
 - iv. 10 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
 - v. Project approved.
- c. Jenna began discussion on Visual Arts.
 - i. The funding ask of the Visual Arts project is \$119,000 for new equipment, repairing of equipment, remodeled classrooms, and more.
 - ii. Jeff suggested a straw vote to fund the whole project first and then change the funding amount, if the Board feels it is necessary.
 - iii. Pat burns answered that yes, this is a possible practice.
 - iv. Michelle made a motion to straw vote on the whole project.
 - v. Sam Guinn seconded
 - vi. 11 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (Straw Vote)
- d. Lexi mentioned that the Board has the authority to provide a specific amount of money to the water bottle filling stations and Net Impact would decide where the filling stations would be located.
 - i. The funding ask for the filling stations project varies on the amount of stations – 30 filling stations would cost \$105,000, with an average cost of \$3,500/station.
 - ii. Jenna does not agree with funding any water bottle filling station, given that there are higher priority projects to consider.
 - iii. Jeff said that the Board should consider funding 6 of the stations, giving Net Impact the opportunity to collect data, which could potentially help them find other sources of funding for more stations.
 - iv. Matt stated that classroom remodels are more important than the filling stations.
 - v. Michelle noted that there are already 14 filling stations on campus from which Net Impact could be pulling data.
 - vi. Jeff made a motion to approve the project.
 - vii. None seconded.
 - viii. Michelle made a motion to reject the project.
 - ix. The majority of the Board felt there were more important projects that take precedence over the filling stations.
 - x. 9 approved, 2 opposed, 0 abstained.
 - xi. Project rejected.
- e. Moving to the general classroom remodel project, Jenna asked the Board to refer to the two handouts giving the \$/student in the classrooms needing to be remodeled. Three flipped classroom costs were also included.
 - i. Jenna asked if the Board wants to support flipped classrooms.

- ii. Matt Fergen said that he was very impressed with the presentation for flipping Engineering classrooms. He added that the failure rates in those classrooms are too high and it would be worthwhile to consider flipped classrooms to address these high rates.
- iii. Michelle added that there are two classrooms to be flipped in Engineering - both would be allocated to the Calculus and Physics departments.
- iv. Kristi mentioned that the departments need both rooms so it would be in the Board's best interest to fund them together, for the best academic impact.
- v. Amber said that flipping both Engineering classrooms will be very expensive and the Board will have little money left over for other projects or classrooms.
- vi. Alex claimed that the Engineering rooms are in very poor condition. He also mentioned that students are always in the Engineering building, using the classrooms for both class in the day and study space at night. He believes the classroom utilization numbers in the table are off because they do not reflect nighttime usage.
- vii. Lexi pointed out that if the Board chooses not to fund a flipped classroom, the majority of the remodel list includes Engineering rooms.
- viii. Sam asked what the turnaround time will be for these classrooms.
 - 1. Michelle answered that they will be remodeling and flipping the rooms over the summer.
- ix. Jeff sees the fact that Rick Miranda is not allocating any funds towards flipped classrooms as a red flag.
 - x. Jenna agreed, but also mentioned that the Board has the potential to be the catalyst for this new, innovative way of learning and teaching.
 - xi. Lexi suggested that the Board fund only one flipped classroom in Engineering and ask that Dr. Miranda provide funding for the other classroom.
 - xii. Jeff suggested that the Board only consider funding one wing of the Visual Arts Building to see how much money would be left for General Assignment classrooms.
 - xiii. Alex asked if we use the entire \$450,000 budget, how much will be allocated for next year's projects?
 - 1. Steve answered that based on current credit hour information and the bonded projects, UFFAB will have \$450,000 for the next three years.
- xiv. Matt Lancto mentioned that he would like to see Plant Science C101 funded but has a hard time determining priority between Plant Science and Visual Arts.
- xv. He then suggested that the Board fund Plant Science C101, and give all leftover money to Visual Arts to address some needs in the building.
- xvi. Amber added that she sees the merit in funding a large general classroom because students could recognize the importance of the facility fee and UFFAB.
- xvii. Lexi added that remodeling Plant Science C101 will have the largest noticeable benefit to students, given the amount of students passing through the room.
- xviii. Steve mentioned that the furniture needed for the Plant Science C101 remodel is on back order and will not be available in time for the fall semester. The room itself could be remodeled and old furniture could be used in the remodeled room until the new furniture is available. The new furniture could be installed over a weekend.
- xix. Lexi then said she is hesitant to flip a classroom because the idea is still so new and scary to some students. That, coupled with the fee increase, might be too much for the Board to take on in one year.
- xx. Jeff and Michelle agreed.
 - xxi. Jenna countered saying that the fee increase is completely independent from the flipped classrooms and if the Board sees flipped classrooms as being beneficial for the students in the end, why not fund it?
 - xxii. In a straw vote of funding both Engineering flipped classrooms, 4 people approved.
 - xxiii. In a straw vote of funding only 1 flipped classroom, 10 people approved.

- xxiv. Steve added that if UFFAB funds Visual Arts but the other funding for the project falls through, Visual Arts would be required to return funds to UFFAB, which would roll over into the next year.
- xxv. Jeff suggested that the Board hold off on funding the entire project until next year. He thinks the Board should only give Visual Arts \$45,000 this year.
- xxvi. Matt Lancto said that he would like to give Visual Arts the chance to get donor funding.
- xxvii. Jenna mentioned that if the Board considers the cost/student, Visual Arts is much higher than the General Assignment Classroom's cost/student.
- xxviii. Amber asked if the incremental cost for flipped classrooms includes the furniture.
- xxix. Steve answered yes.
- xxx. Kristi added that flipping classrooms is buying the furniture and technology that we need to flip the classroom.
- xxxi. Matt added that UTFAB is in the process of potentially funding \$15,000 of the technology. The Board does not fund technology in classrooms, including flipped classrooms.
- xxxii. A straw poll was taken to see who would be in favor of only funding part of the visual arts project. 7 people approved.
- xxxiii. Annalise asked what kind of classes are in the Wagar 107B room.
- xxxiv. Lexi answered that it is a general assignment classroom, so it is a mix of departments.
- xxxv. Jeff asked for a straw poll of who would support funding Wagar 107B over Visual Arts – 8 people approved.
- xxxvi. Jeff asked for a straw poll of who would support funding Visual Arts over Wagar 107B – 2 people approved, 1 abstained.
- xxxvii. Alex made a real motion to approve Plant Sciences C101, one flipped classroom in Engineering, and Wagar 107B.
- xxxviii. Jeff seconded
- xxxix. 10 approved, none opposed, one abstention

xl. Total projects funded – TRIO project, Plant Sciences C101 remodel, Engineering E204 remodel and flip, and Wagar 107B remodel. \$442,246

- f. Jenna made a real motion to remove the approval for the funding of visual arts.
 - i. Alex seconded
 - ii. 8 approved, 3 opposed, none abstained.
 - iii. The opposed voters did not agree with the lack of funding dedicated toward the water bottle filling stations.
- g. Jeff made a motion to have the extra \$7,000 go to the water bottle filling stations project.
 - i. None seconded.

IV. Other Business

- a. Jenna informed the Board that Dean Nerger is going to be at the next UFFAB meeting to answer questions about the Biology project.
- b. Steve asked the Board to send Becca the questions they have for Jan so that she can prepare answers to those questions.
- c. Jenna asked if the fee increase passes but does not provide enough money for the Biology project, could the money be refunded to UFFAB and used for cash funded projects?
 - i. Steve answered yes, the fee increase funds would go back to UFFAB, in that scenario.

V. Next meeting March 27th, 2014.

VI. Adjourn at 6:10 PM