

CLAS Finance Committee Agenda
Friday, December 3, 3:00 p.m.

Present:

John Palmer
Galia Hataav
Matt Felt
Daniel Talham
Thomas Knight
Jorge Valdes
Jose Ponciano Castellanos
Tarek Saab
Fahad Qazi
Chris McCarty
Uma Sethuram
Catherine Tucker (secretary)

1. Meeting called to order: 3:01 pm

Minutes approved unanimously without revision

2. Review of final requests for information from units.

- Document “Info Requests from Units 12-21” is shared and available for review by committee
- Request for each group to note whether any updates are needed for the units that they reviewed, and to submit any updates by Monday, Dec. 6.
- Tarek and Matt report on additional statistical analyses that they conducted. Increases in OPS and enrollment estimates occur often and need explanation.
- Decision to request of all departments:
 - If your enrollment estimates have increased, what is the basis for that increase?
 - If your OPS requests for 2022-23 have increased significantly above 2019-20, what is the basis for that increase?
- Palmer draws attention to “Department Level Notes” (Canvas/Files/Unit OPS requests). extracted from departments OPS requests, which adds some informative additional information to review.
- Group 4 points out that Sociology/Criminology+Law made very high increases in enrollments, important to get more justification. Another issue is the UFO budgets should not be included (that needs to be funded by UFO revenues).
- Merged DL/UFO budget requests need to be distinguished and need to be checked for each unit as appropriate
- McCarty notes that in general enrollments did not decline greatly due to online classes during COVID. Others note that some enrollments increased because it became more accessible to take college courses for some students.
- Palmer asks: Should the calculation for total cost of OPS have included fringe costs? Uma clarifies that it is covered by the state and does not need to be included in OPS requests.
- Uma and Chris confirm: College will have \$17M for base OPS for next year. (Not clarified whether this includes the \$2M that is the backstop for the DL funds that are no longer

generated for departments. However, that question is irrelevant to the committee since our target is \$17M regardless).

3. Committee goals for the break.

- Review: Our goal is for the total OPS amount granted to units to match the available \$17M.
- Departments will be asked to submit the additional requested information before the winter break.
- Economics is not part of the OPS calculation as their source is different.
- Review updated “Analysis of Departments -Modified P” – see Column U, which shows the lower of the OPS Budgets for 2021-22 or 2022-23. The total of these OPS requests is currently near \$16.2M (most often using the 2021-22 OPS amount, which is usually lower than the 2022-23 OPS request). Some of the estimated figures will need to be adjusted, but this means that we are potentially nearer to \$17M than originally anticipated.
- Next semester: We will need to review requested information that is hopefully forthcoming from departments. Then we will be able to proceed to next steps to meet the goal.

4. Meeting adjourns at 3:58 pm.