Meeting was called to order at 1:03 by Matthew Markert
Michael Reed motioned to approve the Minutes
Jessica Dykes seconded.
Minutes passed unanimously.
Minutes were approved

No comments on previous meetings

Next meeting will take place on April 22 from Noon to 1:30.

1:15 – Dr. William Geiger- Co-curricular – Tab 5

**Budget Proposal:**
Co-curricular is funds that are set aside to provide funding for students to participate in conferences and competitions for the most part. The academic affairs made a decision a few years ago that the priorities would be given to students who would be making presentations at conferences rather than students just attending. So that students could be out there participating in professional environments. Geiger believes that just attending is not something co-curricular funds are used for. So it is really to help students get involved and share their research that they have done or some of their expertise in some of the competitions.

The budget as of last year was, $47,967, and we have requested $55,162 and the way they came up with that total amount was basically looking at the growth in student enrollment and recognizing that their hadn't been any increase over a considerable period of time and we used 15% based on that increase in student enrollment to come up with the number requested. That is the rationale behind the request. Last year 2013-2014, we had, from the departments, request for $65,185.17, you can see that the request exceeded the total budget of $47,967. Actually ended up awarding somewhat less than the budget of $44,255.

Part of the reason for that is that certain colleges did not use what they had been allocated and other colleges request considerably exceeded what they had available. It was determined by either the provost or the acting provost to allocate the funds to each college based on whatever the formula was at that time. So the funds when they come into academic affairs they basically go out to the colleges based on that formula which hasn't changed to Geiger's knowledge since that approach was first obtained.

This could be a onetime fund.
It was a good first year for the Debate team, best year that UT Tyler has done competitively, we just got back from 2 back to back national tournaments in Kansas City and placed 2nd in the nation. In terms of the actual for the funding for the program, goes to the competitive side, such as traveling. One goal is to start integrating more debate activities on campus, our goal is to continue their competitive success at the national intercollegiate level and increase their debates presence on campus. Would like more students on campus to be integrated into our competitive activities. One other thing to note is that their competitive success has been bled down a little bit, where they have between 5 and 7 incoming freshmen that are going to be coming into UT Tyler so that they can debate here. So it also serves as a great recruiting tactic for good local area high school students. They traveled anywhere between 2 and 3 teams which is about 4 to 6 people flying or driving out somewhere, we have about 8 people where we rotate some in and out on any particular tournament. They have one graduating senior, and we have 5 to 7 people incoming. Which is part of the reason why even though they did not spend all of their money this past year, the incoming members will increase their budget and travel expenses for next year. Another limit they had traveling this year was that Gayetsky was the only coach. In the years past they had an assistant director of debate. They are in the process of making an offer to bring someone in on that front for next year. Yet, that means that Gayetsky can’t cover all judging commitments and things like that in tournaments. So part of the expense was hiring that out and to make sure all the teams that could travel were travel.

There was a discrepancy that in the bottom line where it has the on campus public debates, it didn’t add a 0 into the last column which is where the $500 discrepancy came from. What they were looking at is just a standard 3% increase on their budget, which this year is sitting at $41,958 and with the increase it would be at $43,217, which is $100 lower than what his estimates were, but it won’t be difficult to shave $100 of their budget. Which will make sure they can travel 4 teams to each tournament in the upcoming year. It is worth noting that the previous person who had his position apparently didn’t pay too close attention to the budgetary numbers and just kind of spent it. So the year previous to Gayetsky’s arrival at the university they took 3 teams at $47,000 in terms of spending. Which is why there is a one year $10,000 increase to their budget, which they used a negligible part of. The number of $43,217 will be more than adequate to travel four teams to each of the tournaments the following academic year. They have done by volunteering to judge at local high school for debate tournaments instead of using their time trying to fundraise. The $10,000 dollar increase was a one year increase to the budget that may have come from student affairs last year because they were so over budget. The Gayetsky’s Salary and the Assistant Directors salary are funded through the department of communications. University of Utah has a bigger expense than the rest of the tournaments because this year was their first year that they took 3 teams to compete. There are two tournaments back to back in Utah, so they are there for a total of 7 days, and why the cost is a little higher than the rest. The university tournaments they attend usually stay the same year to year, this year they added the University of Oregon so that the youngest team could tune up before attending the national competitions. Generally the list of tournaments look the same, it is predicted that only one or two of the tournaments change year to year, based on the fields that year. They want to always be competing with the top of our opponents.

HPC Operations

HPC Operations is their main account they are scheduled this year to get $538,432 of student fee money into that account and out of that $473,260 is going to be used for salaries and benefits for student staff and professional staff. Of that $473,260, $142,247 goes to the salary of the 5 employees whose jobs are primarily athletic. A little bit of background, in order to have a strong athletic program and emerging rec sports program, back in 2003 the budgets were set up so we could have a coaching staff. At that time there were 9 employees on the patriot center payroll, so each year Dr. Patterson has done a good job of lightening the load a little more and more each year. It is still a
significant part of their budget, about 27% of their total student fee money that comes in for the
athletic coaches' salaries. So that leaves about $65,000 for the use of travel, equipment purchases,
repairs and other expenses. Some things that have come up this year are: they have had to replace a
pool boiler for over $15,000, racquet ball glass repair of over $6,000, they needed a new ID card
printer which was around $3,400, fitness equipment replacement which they only spent $12,000
even though almost all of the equipment is well beyond its life span for an environment like theirs. A
pool cover cost, this is just for the lap lane, was $2,200. If they want to replace the entire pool cover
they are looking at around $11,000, which will need to be done eventually. The weight room glass
and mirror repair of $2,000 and a pool heater upgrade of over $4,300.

Patriot Center Student Service Fee
$40 per student per semester, which is the lowest in the state by a huge amount. Some of their
competitors Texas A&M Commerce charges $110 per student per semester, Angel State is $100 per
student per semester, SFA is $125 per student per semester. Even though it is not an option to have
that student fee increased, but it is a big strain on them. That fee has remand unchanged since August
2003 when they first opened. Had over 143,000 student visits to their fitness center in 2014. In 2014
they hosted over 1,300 fitness classes. They had 211 practices, 50 special events, 34
volleyball/basketball games and 102 open gyms. Student jobs, they may be the largest employer of
students on campus. They have brought in a record amount of income, we brought in over 150,000
dollar of income, and a majority of those funds go to fund our student job. A strong rec sports
program provides on campus jobs and those are two of the biggest retention tools that a university
can have. Keeping the HPC functional, this is a list of projects he realizes that SFAC can't fund but if
they don't get funded things are going to break down, we need new lighting system in the main gym,
which is $175,000 that they don't have right now. They are also in need of a rubberized flooring for
the weight area because the carpet is falling apart. Other projects such is to make the fitness center
more inviting, he feels that it is going in the opposite direction. More and more student athletes, they
need a place to lift weights and can be a very intimidating environment. We need to create another
strength and conditioning room to serve the student body because we have a lot of very serious non-
athletes who want to work out as well as better serve our student athletes.

They are starting the fall semester behind because they are not able to keep up with other colleges
and will start losing students and income from those things. If you come to patriot center Monday-
Thursday around 5pm, there are too many people and too many things going on and it's hard to keep
that environment safe.
Two places have been identified to build a new weight room; one is the racquet ball courts the other
place is HPC 1040 which is currently being used to house the batting cage for softball and baseball
teams. Usage for the racquet ball court is well utilized from 4:30 to around 9pm. Some coaches are
funded through student fees and each of those coaches have some kind of rec sport related duty. For
the first time this year they have a set of professionals who do not split with their time with athletics.
Such as Chris just does outdoor adventures and the pool and doesn't have any athletic related duties.

The HPC was opened in August in 2003, and all of the weight lifting equipment was from 2003 and
they have done a great job of keeping it clear, keeping it maintained and functional. Generally the
industry standard is 6 to 8 years.
The committee would like to see the fee balance from the past few years. In 2012 they had a major
expense, the roof of the patriot center, it gets all hot up there and there was enough of a slope where
the asphalt/tar up there started sliding and there were just big holes in the roof. It cost $225,000 to
fix and a majority of those funds came from our rec sports fee account. They have been trying to
make that up ever since. In the reserve, they have an estimate of $233,000. Using those numbers
they have a reserve of hypothetically 43%, in case they needed to tap into that on one time funds.
They did just spend $39,986 on equipment and weight lifting tools that was pulled out of the reserve.
They had $140,000 and the roll over, they hope, is $93,000 which ends up being $233,000 minus the
$39,986 they used for equipment is approximately, 36% in the reserve. When they were initially
looking at setting a fee for the rec sports program, 14 years ago when all we had was land and no
building, and looking up at starting an athletics program, they had grossly miscalculated the cost of
an Athletics program. The had one person coaching men’s and women’s soccer, on person coaching
part time, one person coaching men and women’s tennis and one part time. We would be nowhere
near where we are today without hiring people like Bob on the coaching side.
We decided to do a student referendum and increase the fee, the fee went up from 10-11-12 dollars
over subsequent years. We still left the HPC at $40 because President Mabry philosophy was that
coaches need to have a second duty. He doesn’t necessarily agree with that now when he has seen the
success of what full time coaches can achieve.
Football would generate about 500 new students which would generate about 30 million new dollars
to the school, most of it which would go academically. None of it would go to football since it is not
allowed to but it would create a general revenue stream which we don’t have now.

One thing it would be beneficial to look at is where can we allocate to one-time funds and where can
we not do that
Some places we could possibly attribute one time funds are:
   - Counseling center
   - Garden
   - Publications
   - Patriot Ambassadors
   - Debate
   - The flooring of the HPC

It would be effective if everybody prioritize which one time budgets they deem necessary for when
the committee meets on 4/22/15.

Jessica Dykes motioned to adjourn meeting
Carlos Gonzalez Seconded
Meeting is dismissed at 2:38

Submitted by Radha Nabar