

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 28, 2000

RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

PLACE AND TIME: 108 Houser Hall on Tuesday, November 28 at 3:30

PRESENT: Russell Pimmel, Coress Brandon, John Chambers, Peter Clark, Melanie Danner, Anthony Davis, Rona Donahoe, Harold Elder, Laverne Harris, Susan Herndon, Emil Kunze, James W. Thompson, Maarten Ultee, Reba Essary, Dorothy Martin, Pat Bauch, David Richardson, Robert Wright,

1. There were no requested changes in the minutes for the October meeting that were distributed earlier.
2. Robert Wright distributed a summary sheet showing the funding of the Blount Initiative. He indicated that donors pledged a little over \$9 million to support this effort, and the University has received approximately 6.6 million, leaving remaining pledges of about \$2.5 million. The pledges are ahead of schedule and he believes that the remaining pledges will be honored in the near future.
3. Harold Elder reported on behalf of the Tuition Subcommittee. He has contacted several individuals at the University and reviewed several articles and web sites to begin collecting information. After presenting some preliminary data, he suggested several directions that the study could take and asked for some directions from the committee. Some discussion followed. At the next meeting the subcommittee will present a proposed study and again ask for guidance.
4. Rona Donahoe reported on behalf of the Budget Information Subcommittee. She proposed that the subcommittee would look at the budgets for all Administrative and Academic Divisions, including Gift Fund Balances and Research Overhead Funds and at the Year-End Fund Allocations. We agreed that the Committee should look at university-wide allocations, but there was a general feeling that we should not get involved in college-level and department-level funds, allocations, and spending. Also there was some question about whether we wanted to get involved with gift and research overhead funds since these are not University allocated funds. At the next meeting the subcommittee will present a proposed study and again ask for guidance.
5. Peter Clark reported on behalf of the Information Technology Subcommittee. They will be looking at whether the proposed campus network is going to be adequate and whether there is adequate support for the existing information technology infrastructure. At the next meeting the subcommittee will present some preliminary ideas and ask for guidance.
6. The next meeting will be in January. The Chair will poll the members on the best meeting time.