

Budget Task Force Minutes

April 24th, 2009

The task force convened at the Hattiesburg campus.

Members present: Denise Von Herrmann, Bill Smith, Ann Blackwell, Susan Burchell, Homer Coffman, Allyson Easterwood, Lynn Estes, Joe Olmi, Steve Oshrin, Joe Peyrefitte, Rod Posey, Lynn Smith, and Russ Willis

- Allyson Easterwood discussed the RCM budget model test that is being produced by sub-committee members Easterwood, Denise VonHerrmann, Bill Smith, Lynn Smith and Lynn Estes.
- The committee then discussed as a group the benefits and consequences of an RCM model. Several members agreed this type model would give departments an incentive to better manage their own budgeted dollars. However, one consequence of concern to members is this type model could produce “profit centers” across campus. These “profit center” departments could initiate plans to increase profits at the expense of other departments which may not be good for the University as a whole.
- Co-chairs VonHerrmann and Bill Smith emphasized that no model has been decided on at this time. Von Herrmann stated that we are still discussing several models and that no final decision has been made on the model that is best for the University.
- Allyson Easterwood agreed to email the RCM test model to all members. Easterwood also stated that no “Foundation” dollars are included in the test model.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for May 15th, 2009 at 3pm on the Hattiesburg campus.