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Contingency Budget Process Features Task Force Role

A "Contingency Budget Planning Process" to ensure the involvement of the entire University in implementing budget cuts likely to be dictated by the recent reductions in anticipated State revenues in FY 1975-76 (see Intercom issues of Feb. 21, 28) has been approved by President Cecil Mackey on the basis of recommendations from the deans, vice presidents and others.

The process was described in detail to deans, chairpersons, and representatives of the faculty, staff and student body at a briefing on March 5 and via a written document being circulated on campus. A major feature of the process, which is now being implemented, is creation of an ad hoc University-wide Task Force of 10 faculty, four staff and four student members to make recommendations to the President on all contingency budget plans from each unit of the University. Existing councils and committees will also play key roles in the process.

The process is outlined in detail as a Special Report on Pages 2 and 3 in this issue of Intercom.

Regents' Monday Agenda Includes Tuition Costs

The Florida Board of Regents will meet in Music Hall, Building #36, University of West Florida, Pensacola, on Mar. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda items scheduled for discussions include:

- Consideration of modification of a rule to reduce the first-time-in-college ceilings of the State Universities by 15 percent;
- Consideration of an increase in student registration fees and out-of-state tuition in the SUS for '75-'76 in order to generate additional income, to expand the student aid program and to produce additional revenue for debt service on outstanding bonds for capital outlay;
- Consideration of rule change which would decrease the number of out-of-state fee waivers to accomplish a budget reduction of $1.3 million;
- Consideration of a rule to change an initial student fee for the SUS external degree program to compensate for extra costs in servicing this program;
- Recommendation for approval of a Master Plan for developing programs of distinction in the SUS;

Post BOR Luncheon Tuesday

President Mackey will lunch and chat with interested faculty and staff at noon, Tues., Mar. 11 in the Argos Staff Cafeteria. The Mar. 10 Board of Regents meeting will be the topic of conversation. The luncheon is dutch and no reservations are required.

‘Salary Improvement: A Prime Objective’

Chancellor-designate E.T. York, coordinator of the 1975 BOR Legislative Program, has initiated a series of weekly reports to the SUS with a plea for adequate compensation for university faculty and staff and consideration of "additional revenue sources" to make it possible.

He stated: "Despite the current revenue outlook, every possible effort must continue to be made to find the resources which will allow us to compensate university personnel adequately. Improving salaries remains a primary objective in the State University System legislative process. Another prime objective will be to avoid insofar as possible termination or layoff of personnel in adjusting to the budgetary constraints.

"We have recommended to the Governor and to the appropriate legislative committees that a contingency appropriation be made by the 1975 Legislature which could be used for salary improvements in the event revenues increase above the amount projected. Many economists are predicting that revenue collections will improve by mid to late 1975 with a projected upswing in the economy.

"It is also obvious in the light of these revenue projections and the critical needs facing our universities and other state agencies, that the State must give consideration to additional revenue sources if the present trend of revenue collections continues.

"With broader tax bases some states are currently enjoying substantial revenue surpluses. In such a situation our universities can very quickly become quite uncompetitive in the national "marketplace" for faculty personnel--the most serious result being the loss of our better personnel to higher salaried opportunities elsewhere.

"When this happens, substantial damage can be done in a very short time to the quality of a great educational system which has taken years to build. "As a State, we must so address our priorities to make certain that this does not happen. Our legislative program will be committed to such a goal."

Fort Myers Ceremony Marks USF’s 12th Alumni Chapter

The 12th chapter of the USF Alumni Association was formed in Fort Myers on Feb. 26 in ceremonies involving President Cecil Mackey, USF staff members and some 30 alumni from the Lower West Coast area.

Joe Tomaino, Alumni Services Director, said that there are over 500 USF alumni in the Fort Myers area and that the growth potential of the new chapter is great.

USF Alumni Chapters now exist in New York City, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and more locations in Florida. There are over 100,000 USF alumni (i.e., former students who regularly enrolled for credit).
Ailon Shiloh (ant.) appeared on "Sunday," WLCY-TV, Channel 10, Feb. 9.
Paul A. Mauger (psy.) "Interpretation of MMPI Profile Types," Tenth Annual MMPI Workshop, St. Petersburg Beach, Feb. 4-5.
C.D. Spielberger (psy.) "The State-Trait Distinction in Personality Assessment," Tenth Annual Symposium on Recent Developments in the Use of the MMPI, St. Petersburg Beach, Feb. 6-7.

Steven J. Rubin (Eng.) panel member in the "Teaching Comparative Literature to Undergraduates," seminar at the Southern Comparative Literature Assoc. Conference, Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 13-15.
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