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Task Force Named

The 18-member University-wide Task Force to review and advise the president regarding contingency budget plans for 1975-76 were named last week.

The eight elected faculty members are: Harrison Covington - Fine Arts - chairperson; Gil Kushner - Social & Behavioral Sciences; Jack Smith - Business; Glenn Burdick - Engineering; John Iorio - Arts and Letters; Jim Dickinson - Education; T. Graham Solomon - Natural Sciences; Robert Hall - St. Petersburg Campus.

Faculty Senate representatives are: Irving Deer - English; Paschal Strong - Psychology.

The four student members are: Richard Merrick - graduate; Roxanne Dow - graduate; Bruce Gaesser - undergraduate; Richard Bass - undergraduate.

Staff representatives are: Jane Howland - Educational Resources; Mary Gambrell - Physical Plant; Mary Lou Harkness - Library; Chuck Hewitt - Student Affairs.

Internal Budget Transfers Restricted By State Law

Florida legislation restricts budget flexibility not only for USF but also for all of the other individual universities in the SUS, according to Vice President for Finance and Planning Albert C. Hartley.

In response to an inquiry from Dean James Ray (Natural Sciences), Hartley noted that USF "lacks authority" to transfer available funds specifically identified in legislative appropriations or among major budget function categories.

The inquiry was generated by faculty who wondered why USF could not shift funds from the USF Medical Center or the Fort Myers Center to the Tampa Campus, or internally shift funds on the Tampa Campus in order to meet anticipated budget reductions for next year.

Hartley said current legislation prohibits such actions except that the BOR has authority to transfer funds "in an amount not to exceed five percent of the smaller of the two affected budget categories."

The vice president cited several examples where the University lacks authority to transfer funds.

Among the "earmarked" legislative appropriations are the USF Medical Center, the Education and General Budget, and the Fort Myers and Sarasota Centers.

Budget functions where fund transfers are legislatively prohibited include Instruction and Research, Library, Physical Plant Operation and Maintenance, Administrative and General, and Educational Resources.

Within each budget entity and major budget function, Hartley said the University does not have the authority to transfer funds among the categories of expenditures of salary, OPE, expense, and ODC.

Hartley pointed out that President Mackey, the Council of Presidents and the BOR "have continually sought authority which would eliminate these artificial constraints" and would continue to do so.

Some Budget Decisions Due Before Information Known

The "full dimensions of the University's budget situation will not be known until June," President Mackey told faculty, staff and students at the briefing last Friday.

He said he regretted that, but that it was unavoidable - and the result of problems beyond USF control.

We will have to make some major decisions and be prepared to make others before adequate information be available, he added. "As rational people and members of the University community, we find that situation unfortunate but unavoidable," he stated.

The only meaningful approach we can take in such a situation as a "collegial body," he said, is to examine the problems together and to pose alternatives that might be reasonable solutions. Merely taking this kind of university-wide approach to a major problem may increase anxieties, he added, but there is no alternative for rational, caring human beings.

President Requests Wider Task Force Representation

President Cecil Mackey this week asked for two additional members to the ad hoc USF budget task force - a woman faculty member and a black member of the faculty or staff.

He requested that the Status of Women Committee select the former and the Equal Opportunity Committee to name the latter following recommendations from task force and discussion with Jesse Binford, Faculty Senate chairperson.

President Mackey told task force members last Friday at their first meeting that neither a woman faculty member nor a black faculty or staff member had been included in the formation of the task force. At the same time, he asked the task force for recommendations to ensure both groups would be represented.

The task force met following a general meeting with President Mackey and representatives of all campus groups involved in the 1975-76 contingency budget planning process.

In addition to his request for broader minority representation on the task force, President Mackey said USF budget cuts must not be made in a way that female or minority employees would be "unfairly impacted."

He also pointed out that the task force is not an operational unit that will implement decisions. He said he was looking to the group to provide a "university-wide perspective" and that its individual members must not act as "representatives of any parochial interest."


Keith Lupton (OCT-SSI) appeared on "Today in Florida," WFLA-TV, Channel 8, Mar. 10. ... appeared with Marlene Herrnreich (stu.) on "College Kaleidoscope," WTVT-TV, Channel 13, Mar. 9.

William N. Chambers (psychiatry) panelist on the "Assessment of Dangerousness," at the Florida Mental Health Institute, Feb. 22.


Dean F. Martin (che.), "Coordination Chemistry and the Environment," Dept. of Chemistry Seminar, Univ. of Missouri-Rolla, Mar. 6.

Sue V. Saxon (aging stu.) a symposium participant on "Developing Inner Resources," at the state meeting of the Florida Council of Churches Ecumenical Services, Orlando, Mar. 11.

Peter O'Sullivan and John Scholdt (theatre), appeared on "Variety," WTVG-TV, Channel 44, Mar. 25.

Larry Broer (Eng.) appeared on "College Kaleidoscope," WTVT-TV, Channel 13, Mar. 2.

Lcs Tuttle (dean, reg. campus develop.) appeared on "Sundialog," WQSA Radio, Mar. 25. ... appeared on "AM Gulf Coast," WALT-TV, Channel 40, Mar. 25.


Jerry B. Crittenden (CLY), spoke to the Audiology Standards Section of the Florida Language Speech and Hearing Assoc. on the Aural (Re)Habilitation Program, Tampa, Mar. 9.


Dept. of the Air Force, $26,328, Chris P. Tsokos (math.), Development and Application of Bayesian Reliability Methods.

State of Florida, $300,000, John S. Curran (pediatrics), Neonatal Intensive Care Program.

City of Tampa, $200, Martin LaGodna (hty.), Oral Interviews of Tampa's Living Mayors in Celebration of Tampa's Sesquicentennial.

State of Florida, $10,941, Thomas E. Pyle (mar.sci.), Bottom Mapping and Sampling to Determine Distribution of Red Tide and Other Dinoflagellate Benthic Cysts.