

Budget & Finance Committee

MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2017

TIME: 10:00

LOCATION:
LH 414

MEETING CALLED BY	Nathan Mortimer, Administrator
TYPE OF MEETING	Special Meeting
PRESIDER	Zak Steiner
NOTE TAKER	Linda Smith
ATTENDEES	<p>Members: Phil Allen, Mike Cheung, Jessica DeFago, John Green, Nathan Mortimer, Ruth Nine-Duff, Shiva Sastry, Zak Steiner</p> <p>Absent with Notice: Greg Lewis</p>
CALL TO ORDER STEINER	
DISCUSSION	<p>Steiner called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The agenda was changed by unanimous consent to postpone the discussion of 2018 Goals. 2. Steiner to prepare and distribute Minutes from September 20th meeting at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
TOPICS	
DISCUSSION	<p>Mortimer shared details of the administration's effort to return baseball and women's lacrosse. He reviewed the pro forma of each sport. Mortimer emphasized the recruitment strategy of the two programs will be in-state undergrad students and only academic and/or externally funded scholarships will be awarded to the student athletes. Meaning, no Athletic scholarships will be awarded.</p> <p>Donor support will also be pursued to help fund each program's operations. Additionally, Mortimer also indicated an intent to require these student athletes to reside in the residence halls for two years (within the parameters of current resident hall policy).</p> <p>The committee discussed several issues/questions with Mortimer. The Committee acted on Mortimer's request and endorsed the return of baseball and addition of women's lacrosse.</p> <p>The resolution wording was developed offline after the meeting and among the group (excluding Mortimer). The recommendation was submitted to UC – see attached.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
DISCUSSION	<p>Next meeting is set for October 11, 2017 at 2:30 in Leigh Hall 414.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. by unanimous consent.</p>

Recommendation to UC:

UC Budget and Finance Committee recommends that the UC endorse the resumption of Men's Baseball and the addition of Women's Lacrosse with reservations. As indicated in the financial pro forma reviewed with the UC B&F Committee, we commend the administration for their leadership in recommending the use of academic scholarships instead of Athletic Scholarships to support these programs. We strongly encourage them to pursue any and all donor engagement strategies to reduce the general fund support for these programs in the future. In addition, we strongly recommend that the students who receive scholarship for these programs must be required to stay in our campus dorms for their first two years in the program.

Expanding general fund athletic support at this time when UA faces fiscal challenges concerns us. For the continued wellbeing of the university, we strongly recommend a detailed financial review of all athletic support on campus to create a specific plan that can reduce the general fund support for athletics over the next three years.