

AGENDA
COUNCIL OF DEANS
April 22, 2009
Corbett Conference Room
Meeting Time: 10:00 – 12:00

1. Announcements

2. Budget

Attachment: Division budget and expenditure data for 08/09 and the plan for budget reductions.

Background: We now have an updated estimate for this year's expenditures. Let's talk about the situation going forward. It is likely that none of the propositions will pass. The state is likely to be at around 16 billion in deficit.

Action: I need your advice on how to proceed. Should we engage in contingency planning? If so, how should that proceed?

3. S-Factor Considerations

Background: After meeting with the Graduate Council to discuss thesis supervision, I believe we need to have a broader conversation about S-Factor work loads generally. Clearly there are different approaches in the different colleges. Come prepared to discuss S factors in your college.

Action: I want all of us to understand the different uses of S factors and how they figure into workload. I would like advice on how to resolve this.

4. Transferring money above base OE

Attachment: Expressed concerns about these sorts of transfers.

Background: College analysts have expressed concern about funds being transferred to departments above their base budgets. Their main concerns are two-fold: (1) transfers above base inflates the cost per FTES data, making programs appear more expensive in one year compared to another and (2) there is a workload impact on department ASCs, who have to complete extra paperwork to spend these monies. The flipside to these arguments is: (1) all expenses that can be attributed to a department, including those that are extraordinary, should be shown at the department level and not hidden centrally in order to improve transparency and (2) the same workload issue applies to any office, whether the work lands at the department, college, or division level. What can we do to resolve these issues once and for all?

Action: I want your advice on how to resolve this.