

Palm Beach Community College

Minutes

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUNDING COMMITTEE HEARINGS

February 26, 2009

March 4, 2009

3:00 p.m.

124/125, Lake Worth

ITEM 1: Introductions/Purpose

Discussion: Dr. Patricia Anderson introduced herself and explained the budget process to the student participants. She distributed the proposed 2009-10 Student Activities Budget Planning Budget for next year and explained that it will begin as \$1,380,979 but will be adjusted in January 2010 based on student enrollment. The increase will be divided up among the four campuses.

Dr. Anderson explained to the committee that our purpose is to hear each proposal for funding during the 2009-10 academic year. Twelve requests for funding have been received. Monies not given to college-wide requests will be divided among the campus student activities accounts according to the previous year's headcount percents.

Data source: 2009-10 Student Activities Budget Planning Handout with initial budget, committed funds and 2007-8 and 2008-9 distribution to college-wide programs and campuses.

Action: Listen carefully to proposals and ask relevant questions.

ITEM 2: Diversity Proposal

Discussion: Dr. Ellen Grace requested an increase in funding from \$8500 to \$9000 for the college's diversity program. This money largely funds the food for students for the MLK celebration each January on all four campuses. The increase is requested due to the increase in attendance and number of students at the college. She explained the program is broadcast to each campus and shared some history of speakers. Several questions were asked related to history of the program and how the money is used. Dr. Grace explained that this amount does not cover the entire cost of the MLK Celebration.

Data source: District Diversity Committee Request for Student Activities Funds

Action: Consider Proposal carefully

ITEM 3: Math Team

Discussion: Professor Roy Boulware explained the purpose of the Math Olympics team is to assist students to develop problem-solving skills and to enjoy the fun of competition and teamwork. The Math Olympics team members represent PBCC nationally among community colleges. Students asked about participation by students from more than one campus, and how often they practice. It was noted this year's request is similar or less than last year.

Data Source: Math Team Competitions

Action: Consider request carefully

ITEM 4. Beachcomber Magazine

Discussion: Professor Brad Johnson explained *The Beachcomber* is the student newspaper, which is housed at the Boca campus. The staff produces, writes, creates and lays out all paper content, including the new website. Committee members asked how many students from other than the Boca Raton campus participate and about how many issues will be produced next year. Professor Johnson distributed this year's second edition. The Beachcomber is requesting a \$4500 increase for next year.

Data Source: The Beachcomber Proposal

Action: Consider proposal carefully.

ITEM 5: The Palm Beach Review

Discussion: Copies of the proposal were distributed. Since neither advisor could attend to present the proposal, Dr. Anderson will contact them to attend the March 4, 2009 hearing.

Data Source: Palm Beach Review Proposal

Action: Table for next hearing

ITEM 6: College-wide Career and Job Fair Programs

Discussion: Joanne Patton represented the four campuses of the Career Cluster. She explained PBCC's Career Centers assist students to identify and implement their career and educational goals. A wide variety of online and onsite resources are available to help students, including the opportunity to meet with professionals in occupations of interest to them and/or make contact with employers who might hire students for full or part-time jobs. All offerings are invaluable and supportive of students' understanding of the world of work and their career development. However, student activity funding for career development events varies by location and from year-to-year. This variation in support from campus to campus makes long-range planning difficult for Career Center staff. Also, it compromises career

services' image among students and the employer community when programs are offered inconsistently or with varying conditions for participation (i.e. fees to employers). Questions from the committee related to Career Center services and individual campus issues. This first time proposal is requesting \$15,000.

Data Source: **College-Wide Career and Job Fair Programs for PBCC Students Proposal**

Action: Consider proposal carefully.

ITEM 7: Honors College Proposal

Discussion: Dr. Valerie Burks gave a power point presentation explaining the purpose of the Honors College and use of monies provided in the past. The primary purpose of the Honors College is to foster growth and excellence among students. By providing students the opportunity to engage in and present research in campus and other forums, the Honors College expands the world of possibilities for PBCC students. They are asking for a \$6,000 increase in funding due to increased numbers of Honors students and increases in travel costs.

Data source: Honors College proposal

Action: Consider Proposal carefully

The February 26 hearing ended at 5:10pm.

Hearings were continued on March 4 at 3pm in the same location.

ITEM 8: Center for Student Leadership Proposal

Discussion: Earl Bryant explained that the mission of the Center for Student Leadership (CSL) over the past five years has been to provide students with the opportunity to engage in a variety of leadership activities and developmental experiences that will assist them in developing the skills, knowledge and values necessary to become effective leaders. Students from all four campuses participate. Questions were related to the number of students participating, the maximum capacity of the program and criteria for participation. The program is asking for \$4,000 in additional funding to cover advisor stipends.

Data source: Center for Student Leadership proposal

Action: Consider proposal carefully.

ITEM 9: Athletics

Discussion: New Athletic Director David Holstein explained Palm Beach Community College supports five National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) programs: Volleyball, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Softball and Baseball. He provided additional information with basic facts such as the number of players, number of community colleges in Florida with teams and the success of PBCC players. He outlined several cost-saving measures being undertaken by all teams in the state and others he is recommending at PBCC. These include a significant reduction in the number of games played. He also listed ways he plans to improve athletics at PBCC, including having athletes visit each campus, improvement of the web site and articles in the *Beachcomber* magazine. Athletics is asking for \$23,700 less than last year. Questions were asked about from where athletes are recruited and their use of fleet vehicles and buses. Mr. Holstein pointed out the cost per athlete per trip is \$63. Concerns were expressed for attendance at games, and Mr. Holstein reiterated new use of CCTV and all student email. Dr. Anderson mentioned she had cut the budget last year.

Data Source: Athletic Proposal and Supplemental Information Handout

Action: Consider proposal carefully

ITEM 10: Transportation

Discussion: Mr. Holstein explained this budget supports PBCC’s fleet of vehicles, including maintenance and insurance. The fleet transports the five athletic teams, as well as various program (TRiO and others) and student club trips. Safety of the vehicles used to transport students is paramount. Dr. Anderson explained replacement of the oldest or highest mile vehicles will be done with the student activities fund balance account, and not the monies we are currently discussing (Vehicle Refresh Program). It was confirmed that vehicles located at the campuses would also be repaired from this account. They are requesting the same amount as last year, or \$61,000.

Data source: Transportation Proposal

Action: Consider proposal carefully

ITEM 11: Cheerleading

Discussion: Mr. Holstein explained PBCC’s cheerleading squad support the men’s basketball games, mostly at home games, and occasionally cheer for the women’s team. As with other sports, cheerleading fosters team experience and leadership. They are requesting the same amount as last year, or \$9,000.

Data source: Cheerleading Proposal

Action: Consider proposal carefully

ITEM 12: Panther Prowl

Discussion: Earl Bryant explained the “Panther Prowl/Gala (Dance)” goal is to strengthen the relationship among the four campuses. It is one of the few venues where students, faculty, and staff come together as one college. This event is designed into two parts. The first occurs during the day when each campus is represented by their students and competes in a series of games. The campus with the most points at the end of the day has the honor of displaying the college trophy on their campus for a year. The second part of the activity is the Gala/Dance. This is a time when all the students, staff and faculty can come together. It is a time to go to “that prom” that you may have missed. Funding this year was redistributed to the campuses. The total request is \$45,000. Questions were related to students not knowing about the program and a desire for more involvement by students in the planning.

Data source: Panther Prowl Proposal

Action: Consider proposal carefully

ITEM 13: Save Our Sons

Discussion: Lee Rodriguez and Brian Davis explained the mission of S.O.S. is to increase the retention, participation and graduation rate of Black and Hispanic males who attend Palm Beach Community College. The initiative provides guidance, direction and support which will assist the individual student in his personal and academic growth. The request has not been funded in the past, and the total request is for \$8,609. This is largely for advisor stipends and to attend the Black, Brown and College Bound Conference.

Data source: Save Our Sons Proposal

Action: Consider request carefully.

ITEM 14: Palm Beach Review

Discussion: Professor Sherry Stephens explained The Palm Beach Review is PBCC’s only literature and art magazine. They publish entirely online twice per year and select only current PBCC student work for publication from all campuses. As writing, they publish poetry, including spoken word; fiction; non-fiction; and commentary. As art, they publish student paintings; drawings; sketches; visual representations of sculpture; graphic art; and photography. They want to publish student video and audio works as well, including original films and songs. This is their first request, and they are asking for \$900.

Data source: Palm Beach Review Proposal

Action: Consider request carefully

The second hearing ended at 5:15 pm. It was agreed that a decision meeting will be held on March 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the same location. Dr. Anderson will provide materials to determine how decisions will impact campus budgets.

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