



A&SF BUDGET COMMITTEE

UCF Student Government
A&SF Budget Committee Meeting
Sanibel Boardroom & [Zoom](#)
January 26th, 2023
3:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order 3:03 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 9/15

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Katrina Wangen	sga_asf@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Sierra Holmes (Alternate)	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	E	E

3. Approval of the Minutes: [12/13/22](#); Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: 01/26/23; Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Hey all, I will be stepping down from senate tonight.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair

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- a. Think about Chair Elections
- 7. Announcements from Committee Members
 - a. None
- 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
 - a. Dr. Frame- PowerPoint
 - i. Future Goals
 - 1. Oct. 15th budget numbers in future
 - 2. More context given to the committee in the future
 - ii. Budget impacts
 - 1. SCH, reversions, tuition waivers
 - a. Reversion average last 5-6 years- \$784,765.17 *Not including FY 2023 (outlier due to COVID)
 - 2. Potentially stabilizing that number
 - 3. Tuition waiver rate of 7.97% this budget
 - a. 7.7% 22-23
 - i. Florida Legislature passed significant legislation to allow for more tuition waivers (masked by COVID reversions)
 - b. 1.4% 21-22
 - c. Up from under \$300,000 to about \$1.5 million
 - iii. Adjusted FY24 budget
 - 1. Administrative salary modification (Welch & Ekern salaries)
 - a. \$160,548
 - b. Could be absorbed into E&G funds
 - 2. Internal debt waiver option
 - a. \$263,842 loan payback
 - b. Do not have to pay back
 - c. Reasonable use of reserve funds
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Damarla: Is the loan value yearly or changing from year to year?
 - a. Changes, goes up each year a bit
 - 2. Shane/Welch: Analogy that would make Ekern cringe: R&R is a savings account that is designated for special emergencies or projects. That account's grown so much money and there was a strategic decision to use some of those funds to expand SU's 3rd floor. In order to get our account back to that original number before the expansion, we can still put more money into it over 10 years (~4 years left thereabout). We do that through putting more funds from

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A&SF back into R&R, but we don't need to reach that original amount, but a target number that is thus far unknown and needed to be determined, which can be lower than original account amount. Once that target is reached, we don't need to put in any more.

3. Erched: Was there any additional strategy for credit hours university wide?
 - a. Dr. Frame- We have a strategic strategy to stabilize enrollment. We are trying to not go further down, but actually a little up from here.
 - b. Erched- Maybe we can find out those numbers since we are entirely dependent on credit hours.
 - c. Welch- That is part of our role. Continuity year to year. Some things cannot be predicted like University Presidents and Legislation passed, but we are trying to pay more attention to what impacts there will be.
 - d. Erched- maybe we can make predictions on who is in political power and how things may be changed.
 - e. Dr. Frame- we do work with our lobbyist, Janet Owen. We are working very close with the Budget office and what waivers look like and what people are talking about to find things out.
 - f. Erched- Does this happen spontaneously over the course of a few months or is there a way we can see these before they hit?
 - g. Dr. Frame- I have dove into the waiver pool and I have not yet gotten to that point yet. When things land and how we have to respond may vary. Do we have any ability to do these in a strategic way or do we have to react immediately? We do not know.
 - h. Erched- I guess it is whether or not the university has any way to predict these things.
 - i. Dr. Frame- Janet Owens would be on that. What is on the agenda and when things hit.
 - j. Erched- there was a huge spike in waivers over Covid.
4. Future Considerations
 - a. Reversions for 25-26 could be as low as \$200k if reversions continue in the same pattern
 - b. Maybe create a budget stabilization account

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- c. Looking at how much we revert this year. If we revert 1.2M or 1M we may want to bank that to help offset future reversions that are lower
 - d. Maybe not just toss money continuously into R&R and set a target that once hit, we can set money aside for this to protect future generations of students
5. Further Discussion:
- a. Erched- it doesn't seem likely with inflation that we can stabilize reversions. I like the idea and having an ideal number for reversions but it does not seem realistic with inflation and minimum wage.
 - b. Welch- Very true. We are making some strategies about this.
 - c. Jim- One of the things we look at is R&R on roofing, HVAC, tech, some of those things we submitted into a request to be seen as a future CITF project and could eliminate some costs we have been saving up for. This could help to not decimate us further down the road.
 - d. Dr. Frame- we can look at what we can do as early as this year to help with the budget number later. How can we efficiently run things now to help build towards that 1M number.
 - e. Erched- Budgeting for R&R is meant for roofing and such not natural disasters?
 - i. Wangen- they mean Special Projects for that part
 - ii. Dr. Frame- you have two R&R accounts one is that and the other is rainy day. We believe those are strong enough right now. If you max out contingency R&R, we can look at what we can do as an institution to see how we can help in that event.
 - f. Rick- There is an issue with the elevators and some code means that we have to update a sensor. That is an example of something sudden that we need to take care of. That is 70k. That is something that come from contingency R&R.
 - g. Shane- 2004 a hurricane came and took some of the RWC roof and it was used for that too.
 - h. Erched- things that need immediate funds use that I suppose.
 - i. Welch- we want to gather and share more information with you going forward. The university recognized costs are up

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- and credit hours down. We want to help you focus on students and less on running buildings. We are trying to figure out how we can be more efficient.
- j. Jim- some things we look to implement July 1, is Summer A. That is our lowest participant time. We extended the lease for Knights Plaza this spring. We do not need to extend it into the summer.
 - k. Shane- some of us met and discussed what we can do now to help the future budget. Not cut things were student services would be impacted but other things just may not happen that we would have done outside of that.
 - l. Welch- we have always tried to be efficient but it is just how this years budget has impacted students that has scrambled us together.
 - m. Dr. Frame- we will work closer, talk more, and train the budget committee more. We can think if R&R and reversions as separate pots of money not reoccurring.
 - n. Wangen- Are we looking at raising A&SF fee up? Maybe something else can go down?
 - i. Lopez- not extensive.
 - ii. Dr. Frame- certainly there is a strategy but I have not heard anything substantial.
 - o. Shane- this may be a lot to process. If you need to come to me to talk I can facilitate it to whoever can best answer your questions.
 - p. Brodie- Steven, something you said stuck to me. It is my understanding that we are not trying to stabilize the budget, but the swings.
 - q. Erched- the hopeful stabilization may keep the budget the same but the costs go up and we only can spend less. We would only be able to pay for less year over year if we keep the same budget amount.
 - r. Shane- if you fund a stabilization account now we can dip into it later. Like in 26, we are 500k down but the stabilization budget has 700k, we can take 300k or so to help.
 - s. Erched- I hear that but to try to get to that in our heads is hard.

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- t. Jim- for example if I had the same budget next year as this year, the same budget does do less year over year.
 - u. Welch- this could also effect the “end of the year splurge” but if that money could help students if reverted we may prevent that going forward.
 - v. Erched- it would be a leadership lead move and communication
 - w. Lopez- Has the library been told about potential CITF changes?
 - i. Jim- just because the library could get a large chunk of money doesn’t mean other places cannot get anything.
 - ii. Erched- this year had record inflation and budget was lower, we have had a strong previous period of budget increases but at least from what we know that that kind of increase will happen for a while. Cuts will be had year to year. For future years, whoever is in our seat will have to deal with cuts and cuts. I do not know what they will need but they will need information on what is happening.
 - iii. Shane- there will be a balancing point on what we can streamline but we will look constantly at what we can do.
9. Old Business
- a. None
10. New Business
- a. None
11. Member Discussion
- a. Should we hold Chair and potentially Vice Chair elections after Chair Wangen steps down?
 - i. Temple: Running the Special Session?
 - 1. Wangen: Nothing in statutes, up to Speaker
 - 2. Hall: Will pass gavel to whoever is chair/acting chair
 - ii. Damarla: Don’t see it necessary to hold elections, just need someone to take minutes
 - iii. Temple: Agreeing sentiments
 - b. McClellan: Will be meeting next week, this time if it works.
 - c. Erched- Thank you Chair Wangen for everything that you have done!

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- d. Temple- Thank you so much, you were put through so much with this and you handled it like a champ! Not many could have done that but you did. We will miss you!
12. Miscellaneous Business:
- a. None
13. Final Roll Call: 8/15
14. Adjournment: 4:10 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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