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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, October 23, 2013

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 11:05 a.m. in the Claiborne Building, Louisiana Purchase Room, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair William Fenstermaker called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

William H. Fenstermaker, Chair
Roy O Martin III, Vice Chair
Pamela Eagan
Joseph P. Farr
Robert W. Levy
Albert D. Sam II
LCTC Sys. Rep. – Stephen Smith
LSU Sys. Rep. – Bobby Yarborough
UL Sys. Rep. – Winfred Sibille

Other Board Members Present

Mark T. Abraham
Charlotte Bollinger
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Chris Gorman
Edward Markle
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
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Brooksie L. Bonvillain, Student

Committee Members Absent

Raymond Brandt
Richard Lipsey
SU Sys. Rep.

Guest List

Preliminary FY 2014-15 Formula Funding Request

Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented the Board of Regents' Budget Request for FY 2014-15 using the formula cost calculations. This is the first step in the FY 2014-15 budget cycle. The FY 2014-2015 budget request includes:

- \$36 million above the existing operating budget base to bring 2 and 4 year institutions to a 65% formula implementation rate to simplify the formula by eliminating the stop-loss. For FY 13-14, \$484 million was distributed through the formula and an additional \$40 million was provided to each system. For FY 2014-15 the request is for a total of \$560 million for distribution through the formula.

Specialized Units (Medical Schools, Ag Centers, Law Centers)

- \$17 million requested above the existing operating budget base of \$191 million.

Pennington Biomedical Research Center

- \$3.3 million requested above the existing operating budget base of \$13.4 million to open the new facility and hire research teams.

Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON)

- \$750,000 requested above the existing operating budget base of \$2.3 million to stabilize operations.

Workforce & High Demand Program Backlogs

- \$30 million funding pool is requested for the Higher Education Initiatives Fund to reduce significant backlogs in high demand programs such as nursing, engineering, medicine and dental hygiene. The allocation will be based on robust data collection and in-depth analysis by the Board of Regents. These funds will be used as start-up costs for programs that have a demonstrated need. Tuition from the additional students will sustain the programs.

Staff recommended that the Committee approve the Preliminary Formula Funding and Budget Request for FY 2014-2015.

On motion of Regent Martin, seconded by Regent Levy, the Finance Committee voted to approve the Preliminary Formula Funding and Budget Request for FY 2014-2015.

Consideration of BA-7 for Southern University Law Center

Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented Southern University Law Center is requesting approval of a BA-7 in the amount of \$511,675. This will allow the institution to carry-forward fees and self-generated revenue earned during FY 12/13 into FY 13/14. The GRAD Act authorized the institutions to carry-forward unexpended funds, but approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget is also required.

Staff recommends approval of this BA-7 for adjustment of Fees and Self-Generated Revenues for the Southern University Law Center.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Martin, the Finance Committee voted to approve the BA-7 for the Southern University Law Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Chair Fenstermaker declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.