

UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
November 14, 2006

The University Assembly Budget and Planning Committee met October 13, 2006. There were four agenda items: the general revenue funding adjustments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 (rate) and FY 2007 (cost), an update on the Development Office's fundraising, an update on the Performing Arts Center finances; and the financing for the proposed South Campus Parking Structure.

Funding Gap

Under Chancellor Tom George's leadership and with assistance from UM System President Elson Floyd and the support of the Missouri General Assembly, especially Senate Appropriations Chair Chuck Gross, UM-St. Louis has received a funding gap adjustment of \$521,000 for FY 2006 and \$1,940,000 for FY 2007.

The FY 2006 allotment (\$521,000) was used on a cost basis in FY 2006 to help cover a \$740,000 shortfall in the utilities budget. Anticipating continued high utility costs, most of it was then allocated as rate to the FY 2007 utility budget.

The FY 2007 allotment (\$1,940,000) will pay on a cost (i.e., one-time) basis for the Science Complex Emergency Power Project (\$504,000) and PeopleSoft implementation (\$565,000). The remainder has been allocated (cost for FY 2007 and rate for FY 2008 and beyond) for new faculty (\$558,000), Business Technology and Research Park staffing (\$170,000), Development Office staff (\$80,000), and Student Services staff (\$63,000). For the most part, these positions have already been filled in anticipation of receiving the funding gap adjustment.

Development Office

In FY 2006, the Development Office received gifts and pledges totaling \$14,592,257, a 126% increase over FY 2005. About half came from organizations (primarily corporations and foundations) and about half from individuals (friends and alumni). The increased donations from individuals was up 267% (389% for friends, 62% for alumni). The cost for raising each dollar is fourteen cents.

The Pierre Laclède Society (\$1,000 a year or more commitment) now has 566 members and a call center staffed with UM-St. Louis students has been established to solicit alumni donations. Although alumni giving increased, it was primarily through higher average gifts (\$356 in FY 2006 compared to \$227 in FY 2005) rather than heightened participation (4.8% in FY 2006, 4.7% in FY 2005).

Performing Arts Center

For FY 2006, the Performing Arts Center reported an operating deficit of \$75,000. This number includes as revenues an operating rate allocation from campus general revenue (\$479,000), the student fee subsidy (\$268,000), and payments from other campus units to use the PAC (\$333,000). It does not include as costs utilities/maintenance (approximately \$500,000) or the building's annual share for the campus maintenance/renovation reserve (also about \$500,000).

South Campus Parking Structure

The South Campus Parking Structure will cost approximately \$6,000,000 dollars. Excess balances in the faculty/staff/student parking fees over the next five years will be cover the entire cost. Excess balances have also covered \$500,000 in design costs for two proposed North Campus Parking Structures which, for the foreseeable future, will not be built.

Next Meeting

The committee will meet Friday, November 17, from 3 pm to 5 pm in JC Penney 126. The agenda will be a comprehensive examination of the costs and benefits of the UM-St. Louis economic development initiatives. Topics will include the Center for Emerging Technology, the Business/Technology/Research Park, the IT Incubator, and the organization/costs for administering the economic development programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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