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 Laclede 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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