East Tennessee State University

Budget Redesign Committee Meeting

May 12, 2016 – 1:00 PM

Administrative Conference Room

Attendees: Wallace Dixon, Gordon Anderson, Dennis Depew, Margaret Pate, David Collins, Larry Calhoun, Randolph Wykoff, Wendy Nehring, Mira Gerard, Randy Byington, James Batchelder, Kimberly Hale

Absentees: Mike Smith, Joe Sherlin, Katherine Weiss

The committee reviewed the 32 questions that had been submitted based on the request at the last meeting. Thanks to Randy Wykoff for grouping these into the following categories:

* What is the base or starting position?
* How will growth be determined?
* How will colleges or revenue centers operate?
* How do we cover administrative cost?
* How do we cover deficits?
* How will we start or roll-out the program?
* What will the oversight process be in the future?

The committee reached an agreement on the first item and the starting point for the new budget model proposal will be determined based on where we are today where growth is rewarded within colleges, decisions are made in a decentralized manner, and departments that don’t grow can be identified. The question of how the committee should address the cultural and educational aspect of presenting a new budget model to the University community will be added to this list of items to discuss at the next meeting.

The topic of salary inequities was discussed and it was decided that this issue should be dealt with separately (the budget model needs to be developed regardless of this separate issue) and could be handled at the University strategic planning level or to be determined by the Dean of the College based on growth.

The committee determined it would be a better use of time to have an all-day meeting to discuss and attempt to come to consensus on items within the remaining categories. This meeting will take place on June 22nd. Details of the meeting time and place will follow once they are finalized.

*Note Taker: Carrie Guy, Office Manager for the Vice President for Finance and Administration at ETSU*