

Chancellor's Planning and Budget Council

September 29, 2020

Some items to note in the FY21 Operating Budget:

Flat budget, with the exception of the reduction in license plate revenues from the state

Self-supporting units are hurting due to the pandemic, especially Athletics. Athletics has taken its phase I cut of \$3 million and will be taking another \$3 million cut (phase 2)

FY22 – Housing will not be providing scholarships for housing

We are continuing with the hiring “chill” and are evaluating if positions requested to be filled are needed at this time.

SIU rolled out its “Saluki Commitment” (<https://fao.siu.edu/types/saluki-commitment.php>). This scholarship fills the the back-end after the student’s state and federal grants are applied. If it was applied to this current year, it would have helped approximately 230+ students and \$460/student. The University is looking at providing a Saluki Transfer Commitment for in-state only. More details to come.

The Provost reported regarding faculty hires. The requests are granted based on holes/enrollment, accreditation, and potential growth. She said Year 1, there were 100 requests and 25 to be hired (Fall 2019), Year 2 there were 76 requests with 45 hires (Fall 2020), which equated to 35 new faculty, and Year 3 there were 65 requests and 25 approved. Those were based on holes and interdisciplinary faculty.

Judy Marshall reported regarding scholarships and waivers. Most of the undergrad waivers offered were student need waivers. Administration is looking at available SIU Foundation funds to utilize for more scholarships to reduce the amount of waivers (Chancellor Lane stated the Foundation board agreed last week). There was also a discussion regarding graduate tuition waivers and charging them to grants as opposed to the University covering them.