

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED MOTION # 1

(03/06/2014)

WHEREAS, The University of the District of Columbia is committed to delivering a high-quality education to an increasingly diverse student body; and

WHEREAS, The University of the District of Columbia is about to embark on a self-study review; and

WHEREAS, the university student enrollment has fallen from a peak of approximately 14,000 students to the current 5,000; and

WHEREAS, the tenure-track faculty ranks have shrunk from a high of approximately 625 to the current 185; and

WHEREAS, the university administration has increased during the years of decline in student enrollment and full-time tenure-track faculty; and

WHEREAS, the DC council is demanding a transparent and verifiable budget from the university (Video from 2/25/2014 performance hearing); and

WHEREAS, there are discrepancies in reporting costs associated with academic and administrative units; and

WHEREAS, the costs for UDC's administrative, executive and managerial staff is reported to be 315% higher than the national average (Right-sizing report, 10/1/2012, page 26), and the Senate has not received any update on this situation; and

WHEREAS, there have been concerns about the academic budget at the university; and

WHEREAS, the National Debate on rising college costs and tuition being directly tied to excessive administrative costs is adversely affecting access to higher education in the United States; and

<http://www.aei.org/files/2011/06/24/Opportunities-for-Efficiency-and-Innovation-Fried-FINAL.pdf>
http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/septemberoctober_2011/features/administrators_ate_my_tuition031641.php?page=all
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2014/02/17/college-tuition-job-students-loan-debt-column/5531461/>

WHEREAS, the national organizations such as FIRST CLASS EDUCATION (FCE) and others are calling for a "65% solution", specifically, 65% of an educational institutions' budget needs to be spent on in class instruction. http://greatlakescenter.org/docs/Policy_Briefs/65percent.pdf;
http://www.nytimes.com/2006/01/04/education/04solution.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0;
<http://www.aft.org/issues/economy/65percent/>

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia City Council seems to imply that no increase in funding will be forthcoming to the University of the District of Columbia unless and until there is evidence of better management and internal allocation of its resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of the District of Columbia administration present its operating budget to the city council in two parts: (1) a Designated Academic Budget, that when funded will be utilized specifically for academic activities, and (2) an Administrative Budget, that will document and justify to the District of Columbia City Council the funding required to administer the university properly.