

Planning Committee Meeting Summary

February 6, 2004

The Budget Advisory Group, which reviews proposals from the campus and makes recommendations to planning committee and cabinet, presented its top ten list for funding and the next ten items that it believed could not be funded. Three general points emerged from the BAG's work: 1) we cannot fund everything; 2) all budget requests made were sound and represented real needs; 3) BAG deliberated carefully and listened to everyone who presented. The Planning Committee discussed the list and added its feedback for the Cabinet. At the tuition increase we expect, the College could implement the first six items on the BAG list, but not all 10. Discussion will continue in the Cabinet.

The process for evaluating Academic Program Review documents was discussed, and it was agreed that the Planning Committee will devise a check sheet to include such items as the department's fulfillment of assessment requirements, contribution to general education, and fulfillment of interdisciplinary goals. Such a form will not be a perfect match for this year's reports, which must be evaluated based on the questions the departments were asked.