

Memo

Budget Committee, Academic Senate Wayne State University

To: Policy Committee

From: Michael J. McIntyre, chair, Budget Committee

Subject: Data requests

Date: April 30, 2002

At the meeting of the Budget Committee on April 30, 2002, the committee reviewed the request of the administration for additional funding for undergraduate housing. Many members expressed their general support for the undergraduate housing project. There was a concern, however, that the administration was moving forward to phase II of the housing project without a full review of the successes and failures of phase I. As a result, the committee passed the following motion.

That the Budget Committee requests the Policy Committee to ask the Administration for recent data on occupancy rates over the past two years for the present university housing stock and for data on new applications for university housing.

The committee also discussed the new system that has been implemented for raising funds from Alumni. One member of the committee said that he had heard suggestions that the new system was not working well in his department and perhaps in other departments and colleges. He expressed a concern that departments that had come to depend on alumni giving would be caught short. Over the past year or so, the university has contracted with a company to make phone calls and other solicitations to prospective donors. This system replaced a more informal system run in the departments with the support of faculty members. The following motion was passed by the committee:

That the Budget Committee expresses its concern to the Policy Committee about the informal reports that the new fund-raising system is not working successfully and requests that the Policy Committee ask for data on the performance of the new system in the various departments and colleges from the Senior Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs.

After the meeting, I checked with the assistant dean for development at the law school. I was told that the company in question is IDC, and the law school experience has

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been positive. Additional information about IDC is available on its website at <http://www.goide.com>.

As requested by the Budget Committee, I am providing the Policy Committee with these motions. I respectfully request that the Policy Committee take the actions indicated in those motion and pass on to the Budget Committee any data obtained from the Administration in response to these actions.