**Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee**

**Meeting Minutes Meeting No.2**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Founders Suite (lounge side), Bone Student Center**

**Call to Order 6:00**

**Roll Call**:

· Blanco Lobo – present

· Hartman - present

· Hopper - present

· Lummis - absent

· Chairperson Mainieri - present

· Schoth - present

· Tasden - present

· Torry – Present

· *Cavi (VP for Planning and Finance designee) -* present

**Public Comment:**

None

**Order of Business:**

1. Presentation on *Operating and Capital Funding Request to the State of Illinois*
   1. Presented by: Vice President for Finance and Planning, Dan Stephens, Assistant Vice President for Budgeting and Planning, Sandy Cavi, Director of University Budget Office, Amanda Hendrix
   2. VP Stephens presented the operating and capital funding requests to the committee
      1. Shared historical data regarding Illinois state appropriation inequities for ISU
      2. Shared FY24 operating revenues and expenses
      3. Shared FY25 operating budget appropriate request (~$96million; 23% increase from last year’s request)
      4. Shared FY25 capital budget appropriate request (~$653million; top 3 projects – STEM/Science Lab Building, Engineering Building, Mennonite School of Nursing Building)
      5. Shared supporting fiscal and statistical information for the requests in these areas:
         1. ISU’s commitment to affordability and student finanical aid support
         2. ISU’s strong enrollment demand and commitment to student diversity
         3. ISU’s commitment to student success in the classroom
         4. Housing and dining contracts
         5. ISU’s debt profile
2. Discussion with guest presenters
   1. VP Stephens and his team fielded questions and comments from the committee

* Q: Nursing lab for federal funding vs the STEM building
  + A: We were awarded because of the dean, provost and president to lobby at the federal level - one-time payment (18 million for us and the state gave us 2 million dollars for support)
* Q: For operating requests at the federal level, how has it typically gone in the past?
  + A: Every school submits an independent request and IBHE advocates collectively for school and their goal is to convince the state. Historically how the requests go is if the state is approving an increase it will go across the board rather than an individual increase. There was a 7% increase allocated over all universities. It isn’t allocated based on what we provide. Trying to get what we need vs what is provided, right now, we are getting significantly less than what we need for the number of students we are educating.
* Q: Hypothetically how many students do we need to eliminate to get the correct amount of appropriation for what we provide at Illinois State University? (Offered as a way to lobby for more equitable appropriations.)
* Q: Any student that majors in special education gets free tuition? Are there any requirements for them to continue to get their tuition paid for?
  + A: This is true at every school in Illinois
* Q: Capital request for stem building - If the state doesn’t approve the request to fund the STEM building what will be the University’s response?
  + A: If the state doesn’t fund it, the university will fund it ourselves, however we don’t want to do this.
* Q: Do we have data on the amount of students that have gone to a different school because they can’t afford it because we lower appropriation which essentially leads to less financial aid we can give out.
  + A: No current data available [physical data at time of meeting] may be available through the admissions office. The data on who we request [who is admitted] verses who commits to ISU is approximately 1/3rd.

Motion to adjourn: Senator Stephens

Second: Senator Hoffstetter

**Adjourned at 6:50pm**