

June 18, 2003

To: University Senate

From: Planning Review Committee

Re: Annual Report

This has been a challenging year the university and for PRC. At the request of Senate Steering, we reviewed the Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art submitted by the College of Arts and Sciences. A report was written and sent to the Senate secretary for placement on the university web site. When it became apparent that significant budget cuts in the university's State support were inevitable, PRC initiated a series of meetings to inform our advice to President Russi and Provost Moudgil regarding the impact of budget restrictions. One outcome of these meetings was the development, and eventual adoption by Senate, of the *Core Functions of Oakland University* (reproduced here).

Core Functions of Oakland University

The Senate Planning Review Committee strongly recommends that all budget adjustment decisions should be based on the principle of protection of the core functions of Oakland University as enumerated below. Major categories are in priority order, and items within each major category are in priority order.

1. Provision of High Quality Education

- High quality undergraduate education with a strong liberal arts component for all
- High quality focused graduate education
- Attraction, retention, and support of a diverse population of high quality students
- Attraction, retention, and support of a diverse population of high quality faculty
- Provision of adequate facilities, technology, equipment, and personnel to support high quality education
- Provision of a supportive environment for the community of active scholars on campus which encourages scholarship, research and the production of new knowledge

2. Provision of Specific Student Support Services

- Academic and career advising
- Tutoring/academic support
- Retention initiatives including COM 101 and Peer mentoring
- Financial aid
- Provision of leadership development opportunities
- Provision of student growth and development initiatives

3. Campus Environment

- Enhance the scholarly environment with support for faculty and student research and scholarship
- Campus life programs encouraging open exchange of ideas

4. Community and Professional Partnerships and Service

- Support collaborative efforts with community and professional partners
- Support continuing education
- Build relationships and cultivate friends
- Disseminate information about OU activities and accomplishments

Planning Review Committee and Budget Review Committee, together, met with President Russi, Provost Moudgil, and Vice-President Schaeffer on two occasions to discuss the budget cutbacks and Oakland University's response. It was agreed that the *Core Functions of Oakland University* should guide budget cutback response decisions. Planning Review Committee submitted a number of suggestions to President Russi and Provost Moudgil designed to meet the budget cutbacks while minimizing the impact on the university's core functions.

The following members were active this year on PRC: Brian Goslin, Chair (SHS), Shannon McNair (SEHS – Winter 2003), Michael Long (SEHS), Joel Russell (CAS - Chemistry), Anandi Sahu (SBA), Jude Nixon (CAS - English), Nancy Schmitz (AP Assembly), and Laura Schartman (Director of Institutional Research and Assessment), who is a non-voting member. We did not have an active student member participating this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Review Committee