

University Budget Committee Meeting  
March 6, 2007

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Richard Brown convened the meeting; he stated that Chancellor Brown is at a UT Board of Trustees meeting in Martin and sends his regards. Vice Chancellor Brown stated that all presentations will be distributed via utcinfo and will also be posted on the budget Webpage: <http://www.utc.edu/Budget/> Vice Chancellor Brown presented the following information on the budget to date, including data on tuition and fees; salary data for faculty, exempt, and non-exempt; state appropriations; and peer comparative data benchmarks: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/BUDGET0708Update1.ppt>

The budget requests to date include \$366,425 plus a \$25/semester student health fee from Student Development, and \$10,052 from the Chancellor's office, for a total of \$376,477. Vice Chancellor Brown noted that a 5-6 percent tuition increase is expected, which would result in new revenue projections of \$1,502,092 (5%) to \$1,802,510 (6%). He noted tuition/fees and state appropriations are the only viable ways to increase base recurring revenues. A *2007-08 Proposed Budget & Proposed Cost Going Forward Items* was reviewed which included the cost of a 1% salary increase and a 2% non-recurring bonus, which have been proposed by the Governor. UTC is ranked 5 among THEC peer institutions relative to undergraduate annual tuition and fees, and the typical academic year fees and expenses for 2006-07 for UTC, including housing and other expenses such as books and transportation, is \$14,990 for in-state. He noted that increased tuition and fee levels directly impact UTC's ability to recruit students and remain competitive. Vice Chancellor Brown reviewed faculty salaries comparison with peers, and stated that UTC compares well to its peers in some categories, but noted the comparisons included only average salaries. Such data might be skewed with the larger salaries of some individuals that make aggregate data appear higher. Yet, this is how all faculty salary data are compared by UT System and THEC. He asked for Provost Burhenn to provide a breakdown of more definitive salary information by rank and discipline. Vice Chancellor Brown indicated a need to keep faculty salaries competitive and noted there appears to be salary compression issues at the full professor level. He noted that over the study period, our UTC faculty only gained 0.5% on peer averages when compared at the professor and associate professor ranks. The associate professor level stayed constant while hires at the assistant professor level lost ground. At UTC, the average annual increase in faculty salary and CPI between FY 01 and FY 06 was 3.6%, the national average was 2.6%, while the peer averages was 3.9% (average CPI increase was 2.6%). He also indicated since 2002, faculty salary increases have been rather small, as with staff salary increases. Regarding state appropriations, Vice Chancellor Brown noted that UTC has not received 100 percent of the total formula recommendation funded by the Legislature since 1988-89. Vice Chancellor Brown also reviewed the 15 Year Capital Projects Master Plan, which totals \$263 million. Mrs. Sandy Dodd asked if the housing and parking included in the Master Plan would be on- or off-campus. Vice Chancellor Brown stated it is expected to be on-campus, but will be challenged by land acquisition.

Vice Chancellor Brown presented his budget request for the Finance, Operations, and Information Technology Division: <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/FOIT07-08.ppt>  
 He reviewed the mission, accomplishments, goals and strategic direction for his divisions.

Vice Chancellor Brown's total prioritized request for his division is \$924,340:

<b>Facilities Planning and Management:</b>	
HVAC Staff	\$120,000
Improvement & Repair Funds	200,000
Custodial Staff	77,500
Grounds	35,000
<b>Public Safety:</b>	
Market Adjustment	42,000
Operating Funds	50,000
POST Certification, Travel & Training	10,000
2 Police Officers-Housing Security Recovery	61,400
<b>Information Technology:</b>	
DBA for Banner Project	75,000
Lupton Podium Upgrade	131,500
<b>Business Operations:</b>	
Computer/Printer Upgrades	6,000
Arena Risers Repairs	38,540
Postage and Printing	10,000
Credit Card Fees	50,000
<b>Safety:</b>	
Transportation	4,200
Contractor Testing Sprinkler	3,200
Emergency Environmental Clean Up	10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$924,340</b>

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Bob Lyon presented the budget request for his division (WUTC, University Relations, Alumni, and Development): <http://www.utc.edu/~mary-scott/UA07-08.ppt> His budget request for 2007-08 is \$185,000:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>07-08</u>
Marketing Chronic Deficit	35,000
Campaign Expenses	15,000
Alumni Communications	63,000
Staff Writer	33,000
Univ. Relations Designer	-
Alumni Regional Programming	3,000
Alumni Constituent Programming	5,000
Addn'l Alumni Asst. Director	-

Half-time Alumni Admin. Assistant	-
Partially restore previous WUTC cuts	10,000
Admissions Recruitment	15,000
Operating, supplies, travel (dev ofc)	5,000
Operating, supplies, travel (alumni)	1,000
 TOTAL	 <u>\$185,000</u>

Vice Chancellor Lyon reviewed the mission, budget outcomes, and accomplishments of his division, along with the new assessment plan for Alumni and Development.