

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joe Gow, Chancellor

FROM: Kim Vogt, Chair
Joint Planning and Budget Committee

SUBJECT: 2008-09 Year End Report

DATE: August 28, 2009

On September 11, 2008, the Joint Planning and Budget Committee received four charges.

1. Review & Revise Committee Bylaws: Please review the attached bylaws (available at <http://www.uwlax.edu/hr/Joint%20Committees.PDF>). Make recommendations for revisions paying careful attention to the general Duties and Responsibilities and Committee Membership. **Please complete this charge no later than December 1, 2008.**
2. Growth, Quality & Access, Phase 3: Continue to provide oversight and make recommendations on the use of Growth, Quality & Access funds, including recommendations for new faculty and staff positions.
3. Academic Initiatives Program Review: Please provide support and assistance in the review of the existing academic initiative program and make recommendations for reauthorization and continuation.
4. University Budget Process: Continue to work with the Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance on implementation of the new university budget procedures.

The committee addressed all the charges.

In the fall of 2008, the committee reviewed and revised the committee bylaws (attached below) and sent them to you for approval, which was granted in October, 2008.

The committee provided oversight and recommendations regarding the use of Growth, Quality & Access funds. The funds were successfully used to hire 49.5 FTE faculty and instructional academic staff and 11.92 FTE non-instructional staff. In addition, the committee approved a Growth, Quality & Access assessment tool that will be used to evaluate the impact of the GQ&A positions. In 2009-10 the committee will establish benchmarks for the indicators/measures that are being used in the assessment process and we will begin to gather and report our findings based on assessment.

Two members of the committee (Jim Jorstad and Ruthann Benson) volunteered to assist the Academic Initiatives Committee with the review and recommendation of reauthorization. Academic initiative reauthorization processes were postponed due to the budget crisis. The Academic Initiative Committee will seek reauthorization of the revised plan in 2009-10. The committee discussed the implementation of the new university budget procedures.

The majority of the committee's activity for the year, as you know, involved addressing the State budget shortfall and UW-L's share of the budget cuts. The committee actively sought input from UW-L members across campus. The committee worked closely with the UW-L administration to make recommendations for budget cuts.