

The University of Louisiana at Monroe  
Arts and Sciences Steering Committee Meeting  
Date: 7/7/05

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Members Present: Mark Arant, Michael Chenoweth, Dale Welch, Frances Gregory, Paul Karlowitz, Davis Pritchett, Gary Ratcliff, Chris Blackburn, Ruth Smith, Trent Smith, Abra Watkins, Keith White, Robyn Jordan

Members Absent: Robert Alexander, Janet Haedicke, Serpil Saydem (all excused)

Call to Order

Day: Friday

Date: 6/9/05

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: ADMN 1-47

Moderator: Mark Arant

Agenda Items:

**Item 1: Budget Autonomy Petition**

The committee was presented with a petition (attached) requesting budget autonomy for the College. They were notified that the department heads in the College would be given the same petition for signatures later that morning. After brief discussions, the following members signed the petition.

Mark Arant, Michael Chenoweth, Dale Welch, Frances Gregory, Paul Karlowitz, Davis Pritchett, Gary Ratcliff, Chris Blackburn, Ruth Smith, Trent Smith, Abra Watkins, Keith White, Janet Haedicke (by proxy), Serpil Saydem (by proxy).

Note: Department heads signing the petition were Ruth Smith, Keith White, Michael Camille, James Casey, Marshall Legan, Patricia Melton, Davis Pritchett, Gary Ratcliff, Harold Williamson.

Time of Adjournment: 8:40 a.m.

June 9, 2006

TO: Dr. Stephen P. Richters, Provost and  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

FROM: Deans, Department Heads, and Steering Committee  
College of Arts and Sciences

SUBJECT: Budget Autonomy

We the undersigned request that the College of Arts and Sciences through its official representatives be given budgetary control over the use of funds, to include the following points:

**Personnel**

Budgeted personnel lines be open for reassignment and redistribution of dollars as such funds are unencumbered

**TBE funds**

Such funds be available for assignment as deemed necessary and discretionarily; unencumbered vacant-line funds be assignable for TBE needs

**Non-personal services**

Budgeted funds sufficient for the running of the College be available for redistribution among categories

**Indirect cost funds**

Such grant-generated money be made available to the college / departments by a pre-determined formula and be available for use as deemed appropriate by the college / departments

**Lab fees**

Such student-generated money be made available to the college / departments by a pre-determined formula and be available for use as deemed appropriate by the college / departments and in line with the stated purpose of the fees

**Internet fees**

Such student-generated money be made available to the college / departments by a pre-determined formula and be available for use as deemed appropriate by the college / departments