

Report of the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Chair of the Committee on  
Planning and Facilities  
October 1, 2015

The two committees met on five items, but due to time constraints deferred three items regarding performance based funding, request for authorization of holding a chapter 91 public hearing on parking increases at UH Mānoa, and request for amendments to board policies regarding summer tuition rates. The committees received public testimony in opposition to parking fee hike.

The committee considered the budget proposal and resulted in deferring two items to the next committee meeting, and due to time sensitivities waived review of the request to hold a Chapter 91 public hearing for parking fee increases directly to the board.

Administration provided a timeline on the budget request, and it is due on October 15. Administration presented a budget that committee reviewed FY 2017 legislative general fund request for operating and CIP budget that was largely lump sum based. The committee chose to address each separately. The committee also received individual presentations regarding the Cancer Center, Athletics, and Research and Innovation program requests.

Administration explained that generally, the proposal is modest intended to demonstrate fiscal conservation and included no new requests, and presumed at established revenue levels. The tax revenue looks optimistic tax revenues that could encourage the governor to relax restrictions.

Administration explained that the amount for the Cancer Center is intended to provide a starting point and expected to be exceeded once the formal business review and forward strategy is ready, expected in January. Regarding Athletics, UHM asked for more for rising costs and NCAA requirements but it was reduced by Administration who felt a lower target amount was appropriate to address rising costs and improvements for academic success.

There was not agreement on the request for Athletics as some wanted to increase the request. Regarding Cancer Center, some wanted to reduce the ask to \$1 as a placeholder as the external review is still pending. The other items of the proposal, including the CIP proposal are recommended for approval and will be considered separately on the board agenda for full discussion and not to be considered as part of the consent agenda.