University Planning and Budget Committee  
Meeting of February 29, 2012  
Blue and White Room, Student Center

In attendance: Chad Valk, Kris Larsen, Haoyu Wang, Thom Delventhal, Laura Tordenti, Larry Grasso, Margeret Leake, Otis Mamed, Kim Chagnon, Yvonne Kirby, Shuju Wu, Paul Schlickman, Richard Bachoo, Eric Bergenn, Charlene Casamento

Meeting called to order at 2:01:

1. Minutes reviewed  
   Motion to approve (Meg), 2nd (Larry)  
   Corrections Made  
   Minutes approved

2.b: Eric Bergenn, (Ms. Casamento and Ms Chagnon had not yet arrived) current President of the Student Government Association was introduced. He is looking forward to attending the UPBC meetings and has great optimism about the collaboration of faculty and students at CCSU. He believes that a very positive influence can be made on the present and future of CCSU through that collaboration

2.a: Charlene Casamento, in coming CFO was introduced. She has enjoyed getting a little “head start on the transfer from DOT to CCSU in recent days and is very eager to get into the deep end.

2.c(Chad); Fred Latour, Chair of the Committee on Committees (Senate), reported some changes to the review operation. He spoke about changes in the operations of committee reviews. There seems to be an intense focus on UPBC and voting rights of ex-officio members. There had been a meeting of many former chairs re: this issue. At that meeting it was agreed that changes in operations for UPBC must be decided by the Senate. A point was made that if they have no reason for being there they should not have voting rights. There seems to be consensus on this. Chad is very happy letting the senate decide.

   It was further clarified that the issue re: “managements and confidentials should be decided by the senate while the UPBC charter should only be changed from within this committee.

   The UPBC gave administrator’s voting rights in the early 2000’s when it was heavily involved in the development of the Strategic Plan.

3 (Otis): On Feb 14th the Facilities Planning committee met. Richard Bachoo showed a powerpoint presentation, which generated a lot of discussion about the busway and “east campus.” The new academic building appears to actually be slightly ahead of schedule. There was also discussion about the location pf a child drop-in center.

   Chad: Richard, will you be able to present to UPBC sometime soon?
Richard: There are two big questions that are connected to $100,000,000 that need to be answered first. But soon, yes.

4.a (Charlene): on January 23, Governor Malloy exercised his right of revision. This means about $600,000+ in direct cuts to the CCSU budget. If there is another revision in ’13 there will be new reviews.

5.a (Paul): How does CCSU fit into the national horizon of collegiate athletics? There are 732 institutions in the NCAA, about one third each in:

1. Bowl
2. Championship (CCSU)
3. AAA

Within the “championship” schools there are 3 divisions. Division 1 has 32 conferences, division 2 has 12 and division 3 has 9. As a division 1 school we are allowed a maximum of 63 scholarships, but the Northeast Conference has a cap of 40. Division 1 has 337 member institutions –within that is the FCS with about 119 institutions: 45 private and 74 public.

Within the Northeast Conference we are the only public institution; there are 11 other schools.

Within the Northeast Conference the avg. # of sports is 19. We have 18. Within the NEC there is a wide range of budget; from 8 million to over 100 million. We spend a little over 15 million.

According to the NCAA Dashboard Indicator ’09 (compared to 4 other FCS schools) we are right in the middle in terms of budget, the growth of athletic vs. other expenditures and the cost per athlete ($32,589.50). But we are in the top of generating revenue.

In a “by sport of emphasis” comparison and analysis of expenditures, we consistently rank in the middle third (slightly higher in men’s basketball and lower in women’s basketball).

The CCSU athletics mission is inextricably tied to the mission of the University and focused on two very important core values:

1. provide the best educational experience possible for our athletes
2. be the premiere athletics program in the NEC.

Our operating principles include campus integration, community engagement, “branding”, fiscal responsibility and revenue generation. On the latter, we’re not killing it, but we’re getting better.
Our 374 student athletes from 10 teams have an average GPA of above 3.0. 4% have a 4.0. We have created greater diversity on campus. c.15% of “unique donors to CCSU have emerged from our initiatives although our percentage of the student population is much lower. Our community engagement programs have grown considerably recently and there is a lot of campus collaboration. We’ve started the faculty mentor program and believe that athletics can become an ever more vital part of campus life.

We have been #1 or 2 in attendance in the NEC for many years.

The rest of the agenda is tabled as the show is causing the campus to close at 3 pm today. Next meeting, March 7, 2012.

Adjournment: 2:52