

University Planning and Budget Committee  
Meeting of October 15, 2013, 3:00pm  
The Blue and White Room, Student Center

In attendance: Rae Schipke, Thom Delventhal, Haoyu Wang, Yvonne Kirby, Kevin Oliva, Charlene Casamento, Matthew Bielawa, Guy Crundwell, Carlos Liard-Muriente, Sue Pease, Lisa Bigelow, Conor Fallanca

Meeting called to order at 3:03

(Vice-Chair Kevin Oliva running meeting): Welcome to our new member, student representative, Conor Fallanca.

1. October 1 Minutes reviewed. Motion to approve (Guy), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thom) Minutes approved with corrections

2. Kevin: Dr. Miller will visit the November 5 meeting of the UPBC. Four committee members are unable to attend that day (Sue, Lisa, Charlene, Yvonne). There is consensus that we should see if Dr. Miller can attend on November 19<sup>th</sup> instead. Kevin says that he will check.

3. New Business

a. Guy: Since our last meeting I have sought, via the Faculty Senate, clarity re: the voting rights of ex-officio members on standing committees of the senate. Indeed they cannot vote.

[http://www.ccsu.edu/uploaded/Faculty\\_Senate/Supporting\\_Documents\\_2012\\_13/FS.12.13.016B.pdf](http://www.ccsu.edu/uploaded/Faculty_Senate/Supporting_Documents_2012_13/FS.12.13.016B.pdf) Section R Item #5

b. Guy: The data from a faculty and staff satisfaction survey indicates that less than 50% of SUOF and teaching faculty are happy with the university's planning. This committee must respond to the needs of the faculty.

The senate clarified the ex-officio voting rights, but I suggest we go one step further. We should form an ad hoc committee to perhaps revise the UPBC charter. We seem to focus on the *Strategic Plan*, but what about long term planning?

Yvonne: Maybe it's a communication issue and not an issue of the committee's charter.

Guy: You're right. That's exactly what the ad hoc committee should decide. For example, in the new Social Sciences Hall there was no established channel to voice opinions about how that space was designated.

Haoyu: So besides the *Master Plan*, we are the only planning...

Guy: There's also *Facilities Planning*. But, both of those are appointed by President Miller. It's all informational; there are no actionable results. The faculty reps simply report.

Lisa: I think this is largely an issue of engagement as well as satisfaction. By and large those that are the least satisfied are the least engaged. Maybe a simpler step toward achieving deeper satisfaction would make more sense.

Motion (Guy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thom):

The University Planning and Budget Committee will form an ad hoc committee charge to examine how the UPBC conducts its business and consider restructuring the charter.

6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention

Motion carries.

Guy Crundwell, Chad Valk, Haoyu Wang and Conor Fallaca will serve.

b.Lisa: We should put the prioritization of the UPBC's '13-'14 goals and initiatives out for a short survey. As Guy says, let the constituents tell us what their concerns are.

Guy: That's a good idea.

Looking at last meeting's minutes, what are people referring to when they say they'd like to consider "enrollment" this year?

Yvonne: What programs have low enrollment? Why is enrollment down system-wide?

Charlene: I'm currently considering schools for my daughter and I can tell you that the common app makes a difference in what schools we will apply to. And CCSU has just begun to employ the common app. I think this is a good thing, but the school doesn't get the fee, so we have figure how to do without that income.

Lisa: Many of the things mentioned in the minutes from last meeting are being covered by other committees.

Guy: The President's input when he attends next meeting is going to change everything.

Kevin: Are we in agreement then, to table everything 'til after the President's visit?

General agreement

5. Old Business:

a. Guy: I understand we are focused on revenue generation as the state contribution shrinks. Yet, I believe we need to give a better picture to the public about how a university makes a budget. Overanalyzing income but not looking at expenditures is inadequate. There is no shame in showing that faculty are paid.

Yvonne: There is huge danger in that. If we show any disagreement with other institutions it will backfire. You would be simplifying a very complicated process.

Guy: We can't shy away from it. We must bring to the discussion what the reality is.

Sue: What do we gain?

Guy: When we ask for more we can show exactly what it's being used for.

Yvonne: You won't be sending the message you think. We are the least expensive, best value 4-year institution in the state.

Guy: But because we don't "get something" is not a reason not to do it. We do it to make it clear.

Conor: As I student, I'd like to know.

Carlos: Isn't it a matter of Public record?

Yes, It's a lot of busy-work that gets us nothing.

Guy: I'll drop it.

b. Kevin: How does everyone feel about inviting a representative of ConnSCU ?

Guy: It would be interesting to see what someone from the system office might say and how that could be married to what the president will ask us to do. Why don't we invite Dr. Gray? All he can say is no.

General agreement

6. Yvonne: Federal reporting has come to a halt due to the shut down of the US Government . This has delayed our work

Adjourned at 4:15