

University Planning and Budget Committee Meeting of October 19, 2011 Blue and White Room, Student Center

In attendance: Zdzislaw Kremens, Kris Larsen, Haoyu Wang, Guy Crundwell, Thom Delventhal, Lisa Bigelow, Laura Tordenti, Carl Lovitt, Kathleen Stankewicz, Yvonne Kirby, Richard Bachoo, Margeret Leake, Otis Mamed, Paul Schlickman, Kim Chagnon, Larry Grasso and 2 guests, Dom, Head of facilities? And Jason, head of safety?

Chair absent to family emergency, Vice not present, so meeting called to order at 2:02 by secretary.

1. Motion to approve minutes (Guy), second (Hao),

Minutes approved.

2. No announcements or updates

3.a. Dr. Bachoo:

Seeks to clarify how divisions are supported and regrets that there is a perception that some divisions receive greater support than others:

Police: enhancing communication. Threat Assessment Committee meets in response to students. Meetings are every Monday when there is a need. This committee is run by an expert with FBI and Secret Service experience.

Environmental Health and Safety: constant issues: training, rats, bed bugs, SO much behind the scenes.

Sustainability: A fuel cell will soon be installed. CCSU's carbon footprint is shrinking. This cell could save up to \$500,000 annually.

Safety for events: Big Sean was huge, Welte packed, an enormous event logistically.

Athletics:

Student wellness

Competitiveness

Development

There is no division that receives closer scrutiny

Breaking out of fees is too complicated

Athletics IS recognized in Strategic Plan: Objectives 2.2 (graduation rate), 2.4 (maintain APR), 5.1 and 6.4 (Development) are all hugely important to athletics.

Facilities Management:

Responsible for over 50 buildings (over 3.3 million sq ft.)

New construction:

Engineering lab

New academic building

Barnard roof replacement

Public safety building

Residence Hall  
\$81 million in all!  
\$1.7 million just for environmental studies before anything can be done  
with East Campus, which is key to CCSU's future development

Master Plan:

Consolidation and concentration of programs  
Protect the visual center of campus  
Make student services convenient to commuters  
East campus key to expansion  
Nursing, Science and Engineering must be in close proximity

The new engineering lab is 30 days behind.

3.b. Guy (motion), Otis (second):

"Concerning the reporting of financial data concerning CCSU's Athletic Program"

The UPBC believes that data related to our athletic program should be readily available to the campus and local community. Therefore the UPBC recommends the administration circulate an annual report for the athletic program. Since there is already an existing Board of Trustee policy that requires the same thing, policy BR#96-070 "Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics for Connecticut State University Institutions" (Item 6), the UPBC suggest the university circulate this report to the senate, UPBC and SGA, as well as publish it on the CCSU website.

Discussion:

Guy: Erin Fitzgerald is still looking for this data.

Richard: That's because it was reported to a student committee. It's a student issue.

Guy: So you have no objections.

Richard: It's a matter of public record. State Auditors are required to publish it. (Hands a report to Guy) Would this suffice?

Guy: Yes. In that case I amend the motion:

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Kris: This is an issue of information flow. We should table it.

Guy: No, the amendment covers it.

Motion passes: 8 in favor (Meg, Otis, Kris, Lisa, Guy, Thom, Kathleen, Larry),  
1 opposed (Laura), 1 abstention (Kremens)

Guy (motion), Larry (second):

"Concerning the increase in spending in athletics per FTE athlete when compared to spending in academics per FTE student"

The UPBC believes that the rate of increase in spending on CCSU's athletic program per FTE student athlete shall not rise faster than the spending in academics per FTE student. Therefore, the UPBC recommends the administration work out a feasible equation that determines these ratios and present them in the annual report to the BOT required by Board Policy BR #96-070 "Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics for Connecticut State University Institutions" (Item 6).

Guy: This should have the same amendment as previous motion, all the BOT replaced by "append to state auditor's report..."

Richard: This could trap us from responding to NEC requirements

Meg: It isn't feasible.

Larry: Change "...shall not..." to "...may be..." then we're not "trapped." We just want to get a sense of whether it is rising.

Carl: It's a false issue. The university is growing because of athletics.

Otis: That's anecdotal. We don't know that athletics has anything to do with the growth.

Meg: I think there are more important issues for this committee to spend its time on.

Zdzslaw: Let's table it until Paul speaks.

Larry: I like sports, but we just don't know. We need a metric.

Paul: I was told I would get a chance to speak: The Knight Commission report is about a completely different kind of school it has nothing to do with CCSU. We have the highest ideals, total transparency and fully support the success of CCSU.

Motion fails: Larry and Guy in favor, 6 opposed, 3 abstentions

Guy pulls the remaining 3 of 5 motions he had put before the committee.

A lively discussion ensues about the interconnectedness of the university budget.

General agreement that the rest of the agenda must be postponed to November 2 meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Thom), second (Hao); 3:40