

Central Connecticut State University
University Planning and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

2:00 pm – Willard 005

In attendance: Richard Benfield, Lisa Marie Bigelow, Alicia Bray, Charlene Casamento, Julia Kara-Soteriou, Yvonne Kirby, Laura Marchese, Faris Malhas, Joan Nicoll-Senft, Rae Schipke, Laura Tordenti, and Chad Valk

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Chad Valk

1. Review and approval of minutes dated February 2, 2016

Chad shared the minutes with the committee and minor corrections were discussed. Minutes were unanimously approved by the committee.

2. Announcements/Updates

Chad shared about the committee on reviewing murals. There have been 5 murals presented for review and were shared on the website. They are:

- Davidson Hall- "Future of Mankind Ecosystem."
- Social Science Hall- "Importance of Life"
- Rec Hall- "Consumerism in America, Material Things."
- Library Stairwell- "Popculture"
- Copernicus Stairwell- "Creation or Destruction of the Universe"

It was determined the murals appeared appropriate and the importance of reviewing the policies and management of campus murals. There have been concerns in the past with previous murals in Barnard Hall.

3. New Business

a. Classroom Plans for Willard & Diloreto Closures (Dr.Bachoo)

The meeting with Dr.Bachoo has been rescheduled to April. It was shared the Registrar Office is currently working on classroom schedules with Academic Affairs, especially with afternoon classes.

4. Budget update

Charlene reported that student tuition and fees maybe increased and final approval will be in April. Food and housing will have a 3% increase, except 4% increase for the new dorm.

At our next meeting hope to be more specific on the financial implications with the Governor's budget. Still question of hiring freeze and fringe benefits. What does this mean to the University? The rates of retirement could increase with ARP and SERS. Currently ARP at 11.99% and could increase to 12.70%. SERS is at 53.58% and could go to 55.05%. The important discussion is with CSU Systems Office and the 1.5 million dollars in cuts.

Other discussion included:

- Bad debt with CCSU students is \$300,000
- Increase in the minimum wage of \$2.75
- Potential of layoffs
- Concerns of employee benefits and cost related
- What effect will a hiring freeze have on the University?

5. Old Business

- a. **Old documents and minutes from 14-15-** Ben was absent. Charlene will check with Ben on updating the website minutes.

6. Division updates

a. **Academic Affairs-Absent**

- b. **Student Affairs-** Laura T. reported a speaker was scheduled, with private funding and students along with faculty were concerned on the topic. It was felt the speaker could affect the safety and dignity of students, especially with the LGBT community. In conclusion the speaker had cancelled for other reasons, but should address this for future events.

The student deposit collected for fall 2016 has increased from 1,069 students to 1,119 students. The new dorm and new dining facility appears to have a positive result.

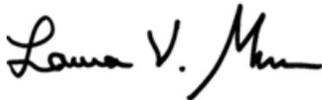
- c. **OIRA-** Yvonne reported a steering committee has been established for the spring 2018 NEASC visit. The committee is currently completing a self-study to share with the team, students, and faculty. The self-study includes evaluation educational effectiveness, general educations, and learning outcomes, including the hiring of a new University President with the possibility of a new strategic plan.
- d. **Institutional Advancement-** Laura M. reported two events will be happening over next several weeks to support Athletics and the Brian O'Connell Lecture Series. Additionally, 2 Emeriti Professors have died and they are Dr. Timothy Shine and Andy Baron.

Richard added about the Continuing Education Program with the "GIS", certificate program in geography. It is a 10 week Hybrid course for 10 students offered at the ITBD

7. Next meeting scheduled for April 5, 2016.

Chad adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura V. Marchese