

Central Connecticut State University
University Planning and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2016

2:00 pm – Willard 005

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

Meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Chad Valk

1. Review and approval of minutes dated April 19, 2016

Chad shared the minutes with the committee and unanimously approved by the committee.

2. Announcements/Updates

Discussion about committee updates sent to Senate. Chad will check to see that all reports with the Senate are up-to-date.

3. New Business

Nothing shared.

4. Budget update

a. General update

Charlene presented on the line items in the current budget from the Governor (handout). The document is located on the website (below) that demonstrates the full list of existing bond authorizations which are being slated to be cancelled or delayed:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2016/BA/2016SB-00011-R000712-BA.htm>

In reviewing the document it was shared new funding has been allocated for providing the Cloud application with the current Banner System. New funding of \$40 million had been allocated for all colleges and universities, with a proposed cancellation of \$10 million. Discussion continued for all to attend a workshop on the presentation of the new Cloud application. The only concern expressed was the inability to customize Banner with the Cloud.

In regards to the CSCU 2020 the current limit for FY17 is \$95 million with a change of subtracting \$55 million with calculates a proposed limit of \$40 million. The CSCU 2020 FY 2018 current limit would be \$95 million plus the increase of \$55 million and a proposed limit of \$150 million.

The one-time grant funding with the CCSU IMRP (Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy) will no longer receive the \$410,000 dollars under the proposed budget. All funding remaining for Transform 20/20 has been re-appropriated too.

Charlene will propose the CCSU budget to the Board of Regents on May 17th and the system's office.

5. Old Business

a. Decision on May 17, 2016 meeting

At this point the committee decided to meet with the current budget issues. Chad will send an email prior to the next meeting to see if the committee is still in agreement of holding the meeting.

b. David Blitz memo-continuation of athletics discussion from 2/2/16

Richard shared a handout that discussed comments made about CCSU athletics to remain Division I and the financial concerns to the University dated back to 1991. It shared comments by President Shumaker, Professor David Spector, David Blitz, including a motion made by the Senate on March 10, 2008. The motion was to develop a measurable system to determine if Division I status is compatible with the goals of the University.

The handout included an article from USA Today that shared CCSU is ranked number fourth as receiving 88% subsidy in the amount of \$13 million. Concerns were discussed if the article was accurate in regards to funding for support of Athletics and how much will the University have to continue to support Athletics.

The pros vs. cons were shared:

- a. Salaries and cost of fringe benefits, including contractual agreements are at a high cost.
- b. Athletics has assisted in increasing the University Endowment from \$18 million to over \$63 million.
- c. Alumni and their connections to athletics and the ability to network with other alumni, especially during homecoming, football and basketball season, and so many other campus events. These events have supported funding for the entire campus.
- d. How has athletics affected student enrollment?
- e. Will the amount of funding keep increasing to the University for supporting athletics?
- f. Other universities have conducted student surveys and at one point removed football for a year and brought it back as it had a grave effect on the University.
- g. Should all departments be held to the same standards of discussion as athletics?

Further discussion was tabled for next meeting.

6. Division updates

Updates at next meeting.

7. Next meeting scheduled for May 17, 2016.

Chad adjourned the meeting at 3:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



