

University Planning and Budget Committee
Meeting of December 5, 2012
The Clocktower Room, Student Center

In attendance: Kris Larsen, Thom Delventhal, Haoyu Wang, Yvonne Kirby, Kevin Oliva, Carlos Liard-Muriente, Charlene Casamento, Celeste Roche, Matthew Bielawa, Kathy Martin-Troy, Guy Crundwell, Otis Mamed, Laura Tordenti.

Meeting called to order at 1:45 (Time allowed for end of semester schedule stress—particularly Charlene Casamento who has been held up and will be bringing important news Re: state budget):

1. Motion to approve previous meeting's minutes(Matt), second (Kris). Minutes approved (with amendments from Yvonne).

3. Kris: Let's move to agenda item 3 while we give Charlene a few more minutes. Strategic Plan: where did we leave off?

Yvonne: I have new documents with revisions from our last meeting highlighted in turquoise.

Kris: 1.4: We were discussing the definition of research as preliminary to measuring research activities. There has been some discussion and definition outside this committee toward that end.

Yvonne: We can't measure in a given year, but we can measure what a student has done.

Guy: The Dean will ask chairs what courses are to be designated "R" then pass that info to the registrar?

Matt: That works.

Yvonne: We need a goal. UC Davis is 53%. It'll be a couple years before we really have an idea of what we should expect.

Thom: How 'bout 20% to start?

General agreement.

2.3: Yvonne: 6 years for transfer students seems too much. We should specify a new goal.

(Discussion suspended due to the arrival of Charlene)

2. (Charlene)

Update: The total rescission for CCSU is \$3,475,907—(which includes fringe component) I've just met with the President. You may recall that we met in August to talk about possible cuts. The number we worked with at that time is actually a couple hundred thousand more than the cut just made, so our plans should work.

As you know the budget shortfall changes daily based on who's estimating it. So that's all I can say with certainty at this time. I'll keep you posted. Legislature will go into special session, so we may know something soon, and we

may not. Budgets are built on a lot of assumptions and moving parts. The bigger question is what does this mean for '14 and '15. We'll know more in February when the Governor releases his budget, but it will be really difficult to be certain until June.

Guy: From 2005-2011 the endowment has doubled. Has there been any talk of using the endowment to offset the recession?

Charlene: That's separate. Our directive is to solve this internally with the money we're given by the state and from tuition and fees. That's the goal set out by the system office. I am CFO of this university. The CCSU Foundation has a separate system.

Guy: So those "entrepreneurial initiatives" can't be used to offset any of this?

Charlene: They want us to stay within the confines that the state sets.

Guy: So if a wealthy "angel" were to say, "I will give you money to offset the recession," we couldn't take it?

Kris: I think if the band needed uniforms and couldn't afford them 'cause of cuts, someone could donate money for that.

Charlene: Yes. But it's not simply that a donation couldn't be made, but said donation would not impact the requirement to produce a balanced budget.

Thom: I'm confused about the "fringe." That's a variable?

Char: That is a number from the system, it's just not published. I do wish the full financial impact would be published.

Guy: We used to be two committees: Planning. And Budget. We spend half our time reviewing requests in the spring, maybe we should spend time reviewing cuts as well?

Kathy: Everyone knows it's coming. If they don't they're not doing their job.

Char: These are due in two weeks so the crunch doesn't allow for much consultation.

Kathy: That's when you thank God for your staff. There's 2.1 million in one-time. There's two thirds of your cut.

Char: It's difficult to predict.

Laura: The President made it clear not to count on one-time money.

Guy: I keep hearing we've absorbed a 5% cut for each of the past 5 years. That shouldn't be possible. That means we haven't done a good job budgeting. We should split the committee again.

Kathy: I was on both previously and budget did nothing. We couldn't. Charlene has to do it.

Guy: I think faculty may be better served.

Motion (Guy) (Carlos, 2nd):

An ad hoc committee be formed to explore splitting UPBC into 2 separate entities.

No discussion; 1 in favor, 10 against one abstention.

Motion fails

Kathy: I think the intent of the motion is important. We do need to look at how this committee runs. But making two inefficient committees...

Kevin: How do we repair the way the committee functions?

(3) Guy: Did the provost not say, "Don't remove anything from the Strategic Plan, that the President wouldn't approve it"?

Kathy: That doesn't mean we can't talk about it.

Motion (Guy):

Remove "percentage of somewhat agree" in 1.6

Kathy: Revise the motion: I move that Kris and Lena talk to the President.

Guy: That's not a motion.

Kathy: Alright, suggestion. Then we can see where we stand on this "don't change anything."

Celeste: I see the goal as being very important. If the way a professor feels about Student Affairs isn't acknowledged, I will subtly care less myself.

Guy: But that's not what the question is. It's not a question about the relationship between student affairs and activities, it's about the administration of these things.

Yvonne: It will cost us to add or delete questions in the CESS. We're going to have a strong argument against cutting this question in the CESS because we will lose any trend data that we already have about this.

Guy: But things have to change. That's the point of the data, we learn what has succeeded and what hasn't.

Laura: Do we really want to spend all this energy on 1.6?

Kathy: We need to assess where the President is on changes.

Kris: Let's return to 2.3

Yvonne: I suggest 4 years for transfer students to graduate. Our "native" students get 6, so 4 will align transfer data more closely with that.

Thom: But then anyone below 60 credits transferred is not measured. What about 5 years for transfer students that come with 30-60 credits?

Consensus

Yvonne: And we'll make all the goals for graduation the same as for our "native" students.

2.5:

Laura: Student Affairs has nothing to do with advising.

Motion (Guy) (Thom 2nd):

Remove VPSA from 2.5

Motion passes

Guy: We should ask students who walk with one class to go that they have to take during the summer and didn't know about before their final semester, "why?" That's a measure of the effectiveness of advising.

2.6: I've looked at the FYE report and have suggestions for a couple things to add from that:

"I can describe where to get help on campus if I need it."

"I can explain the purpose and role of my gen ed course requirements."

"I feel a strong sense of belonging to the CCSU community."

"Overall this course was effective."

Guy: we need better data on 2.7 if we're going to improve health and safety. What we need to assess is the service itself.

Kris: Yvonne can we get more data?

Yvonne: I believe so. The Cleary report may have some. That's public. Is there someone else that wants to look at it?

Guy: Sure, I will.

Yvonne: And I'll check with Chris Diamond on Health Services, as well as Laura who's in charge of Wellness.

Kris: Our next meeting is December 19th—

Kathy: I move to postpone.

Kris: Then our next meeting will be January 16, 2013. Yvonne would you still like more input from the committee? (Nod) Then we'll continue on the 16th.

Guy: Why don't we jump to the end? There are no changes on 4-7.

Kathy: I agree

Yvonne: 5.3 is incorporating Lisa's notes.

Consensus

Align language re: "CDO" vs. "Chief Diversity Officer"

4. Carlos: Is the ad hoc committee on STEM reporting back to us?

Kathy: I think it's appropriate to request that they do.

Motion (Kathy) (Carlos 2nd):

A request be made that all ad hoc committees on the President's initiatives reports be sent to the UPBC as soon as possible.

Motion passes

No reports or other business

Adjournment: 3:26