

University Planning and Budget Committee
Meeting of April 18, 2012
The Clocktower Room, Student Center

In attendance: Kris Larsen, Haoyu Wang, Thom Delventhal, Larry Grasso, Margeret Leake, Otis Mamed, Yvonne Kirby, Sue Pease, Carl Lovitt, Celeste Roche, Shuju Wu, Laura Tordenti, Lisa Bigelow, (student guests) Liz Sowinski and Bill Fellows

Meeting called to order at 2:01:

1. Minutes reviewed

Motion to approve (Kris), 2nd (Lisa)

Minutes approved

2. Announcements:

a. (Chad): Master plan open forum dates have been announced. Spread the word. Encourage all to attend:

Friday, April 20th: 9-10am Vance room 105

Tuesday, April 25: 3:30-4:30 pm Stud. Center Sprague-Carlton room

Friday, April 27: 9:30-10:30am Vance room 105

b. (Chad): I'd appreciate input from committee members on the annual report to the Senate. We have focused a lot of time on the Strategic Plan. I believe, going forward next year, we should re-evaluate it.

c. (Chad): May 2 will be our last meeting. New committee members have traditionally been invited. Consider how you want to handle transition to next year and send me agenda items.

d. (Otis): The Facilities Planning Committee meeting was converted to a presentation of The Master Plan. We no longer have an "East campus" but "Undeveloped Campus Property (UCP)." "East Campus" sounds far away and the fear is that no one will want to go there. Ground-breaking on the new community safety building was last Thursday. There are a couple legislators trying to squash the busway project. We'll want to keep our eyes on that. It's very important to the Master Plans for UCP.

3. (Celeste): Eric and I met with Yvonne Kirby and a lot of good ideas were generated: we want to hold a series of student feedback sessions about campus life. On April 24th we'll be running a pilot program to test our questions.

Lisa: what about international students?

Yvonne: By the time you do a random selection of the campus population, the numbers would be too small to be statistically significant.

Lisa: But as international students they have to stay on campus, they don't have off-campus outlets. Their needs should be heard.

Sue: That should be looked at separately. What we're trying to tease out is what will *draw* students to weekend campus life.

Yvonne: My recommendation is that you do a separate sub-group.

Celeste: That makes sense. I'll talk to other students.

Chad: This is a great idea, the committee looks forward to hearing the results in the fall.

Celeste: I have one other item, an appeal really. My apologies if these seems a little disjointed, but we can't complete our intentions without the help of other agencies:

When I was at community college we established a community outreach to expand our borders. We discovered that students stopped thinking of themselves as students when they leave campus. There are lots of initiatives, such as the community outreach minor. These need to all be tied together. We need help. We're considering creating a community engagement practicum.

Yvonne: Talk to Sarah Stookey, she's the chair of the Community Engagement Committee.

Meg: Sit down with Scott Hazan

Otis: We're running a survey at the Student Union. I'll share that data with you when it's available.

Chad: Get students to go the Master Plan open forums (item 2a).

4 a. (Chad): Kim is out sick, so there's no general budget update. I believe nothing has changed.

b. (Chad): It is amazing that in this economic climate so many of these numbers have balanced out. The Waterbury program was refunded for a 1-year trial, SE & T (School of Engineering and Technology) and CIE (Center for International Education) received their requests. Science is getting liquid helium and nitrogen. Student Affairs had \$85,000 moved to their base-budget for orientation so they will no longer have to rely on one-time funding. Community Engagement got funds for courses with peer leaders...

Liz: What is the Waterbury program?

Sue: Years ago the System Office twisted our arms into offering courses in Waterbury—it was the Rowland administration. That's his home turf. The courses are mostly criminology. There are two teachers out there. It was supposed to make CCSU more accessible to Waterbury residents, but now there are some students here that actually have to drive to Waterbury to get the classes they need. These classes couldn't exist without this money. Western also offers some courses in Nursing and something else. This is an evaluative year.

Chad: There were no base-budget increases to obtain new positions. It's all re-allocation.

I thought it all wound up better than expected. Any input?

Carl: From my perspective it's a great outcome. My salary savings are still intact.

Chad: Provided we don't have a major cut.

5.a. (Chad): the reason I bring up the scheduling again is, looking at last meetings minutes it seems that the discussion got away from the UPBC's direct purview, which is the possibility of limiting open buildings on Fridays to save money. We are the *Planning* and *Budget* committee.

Larry: Richard did say that energy use can be refined. But that for a lot of reasons it isn't a good thing to say "buildings are shut down." I also talked about outside use: conferences, certificate programs, etc. but Richard said these are money-losers.

Thom: You can see in last meeting's minutes where the discussion of shutting buildings ended. Richard said, "...it's not black and white...that it's not just lights on, lights off...in order to have a building ready when it's needed it's much more complex."

Chad: So what direction are we going in? How about serving dinner later on Friday-Sunday? What about opening residence halls to grad students?

Meg: I think the conclusion we came to was a multi-pronged approach, which will be solidified when all the data we've been discussing is in. As you said at the top of the meeting, re-evaluating the Strategic Plan should be a priority for next year. We should apply again for money—even knowing there isn't much.

Chad: Send me agenda items for our final meeting on May 2nd. Think about the transition to next year. My term is up. There'll be new members. Should we elect officers for next fall at the next meeting, or appoint a temporary chair (I'm happy to be chair until July 1st, but it strikes me as awkward to wait until then), or some other device?

Adjourned: 3:33