**Budget Request FY20 Narrative**

**Student Affairs**

Student Affairs strives to provide a positive college experience for our students through the various programs and services we provide. Our actions are intended to engage the student with the campus community and teach life skills which will serve them as they advance into their careers. Research shows that a student who is engaged with the campus is more likely to persist to graduate. Student Affairs plays a critical role in involvement, engagement and integration of each student into the CCSU community.

FY19 has been a year of change for the division. Several key positions turned over which provides the division the opportunity to reposition itself with the vision and mission of the University. These positions included Vice President for Student Affairs, Director of Counseling Services (in process), Director of Health Services (in process), Associate Director for Student Activities and Leadership Development, Director of the Student Center (the search will begin within the next 30 days), and Director of Student Conduct (search will begin within the next 30 days).

New Student Programs was created and the Director was selected in December. Many of the departments within Student Affairs were relocated Willard-DiLoreto. The placement of these departments in the building helps to create one location for students to go to when seeking assistance. Both Counseling Services and Health Services will move to their new location in mid-March completing the move of these departments.

I arrived on campus shortly before budgets for the coming year were due. The administrative assistant in the office began to collect request from the various directors prior to my arrival. Once I began, we compiled the request into the various spreadsheets (one-time, budget, and capital outlay) and sent the list to each of the directors. The directors were asked to rank order the request with one being the highest priority. I took the directors’ responses and arranged the request in rank order. Finally, I made the decision how many priorities were sent to UPBC for consideration.

In the year to come, Student Affairs will go through the process of establishing a five-year strategic plan. Goals will be set which will align with those of the University and the mission of the division. Future budget request for the division will be based on the strategic plan. The plan will be posted on the VPSA’s website so that UPBC and the campus community can see what direction the division is moving and how the requested budget supports this plan.