

University Planning and Budget Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 2018

Members Present: F. Latour, N. Al-Masoud , L. Clark, K. Martin, M. Fallon, E. Pana, J. Farhat, S. Cohen, J. Hodgson, C. E. Valk , J. Gamache, C. Soler, L. Washko, L. Bigelow, D. Dauwalder, Y. Kirby, C. Casamento

Guest: J. Effend

Absent: K. Hammad

The meeting was called to order at 1.45 p.m.

New Elections: F. Latour briefed the committee on the UPBC monthly meeting times and voting rights as stipulated by two of the recent motions passed by the Senate. The University Planning and Budget Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd of each month and only members present at the meeting are allowed to vote. A motion to carry a new vote for officers and UPBC representatives on IPC was approved by the majority of those present. Candidates for office made statements regarding their candidacy. The election was conducted by secret ballot. L. Bigelow was elected as Chair of the committee, J. Farhat as vice-chair, and E. Pana as secretary. J. Farhat and L. Bigelow were elected as UPBC AAUP and SUOAF representatives to IPC.

All committee members agreed to a change in the order of business that brought the NEASC visit to the forefront of the agenda. A discussion of the content of Standards 2 and 7 in the Self Study and the location of supporting exhibits ensued. Y. Kirby reiterated the importance of understanding how the Self Study reflects compliance with the standards and the relationship between resources and goals.

C. Casamento commented that the President's establishment of an Integrated Planning Process has continued our transition into a more transparent and data-driven decision making process, and while we still have progress to go in terms of ensuring that the website is updated regularly, we at least have an open process to vet proposals. This transition will also be aided by the IPC request that the Provost and CFO to identify a consultant to facilitate market analysis and competitor data as we examine new and existing programs.

The discussion on the NEASC upcoming visit concluded with the recognition of the contribution made by Provost Dauwalder in generating the report and the abbreviated versions, available at <http://www.ccsu.edu/neasc/faq.html>.

IPC portal submission -Police Department (PD): C. Casamento provided a recap of the main items included in the PD request and projections. A motion to accept the proposal as it is was followed by a discussion on the impact the approved request would have on allocation of resources to other areas. C. Casamento emphasized that the approval of this request does not reallocate resources away from another area. While recognizing the need for additional resources for the police department, S. Cohen expressed concern that the request is based on regional benchmarks without any adjustments to reflect CCSU synergies. As such, the requested resources may differ from what would be an optimal level when such synergies are taken into account. A motion to end the debate and bring the proposal to an immediate vote passed with a majority of votes. The motion to approve the PD request passed with a majority of votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeta (Ella) Pana, Secretary