

University Planning and Budget Committee
Meeting of April 9, 2014, 2:00pm
Clocktower Room, Student Center

In attendance: Charlene Casamento, Rae Schipke, Thom Delventhal, Haoyu Wang, Kevin Oliva, Kathy Martin-Troy, Chad Valk, Carlos Liard-Muriente, Matthew Bielawa

Meeting called to order at 2:07 (waiting for a quorum)

1. Motion to approve minutes of March 3 (Thom, Matt 2nd): Minutes approved.

Motion to approve minutes of March 12 (Kevin, Matt 2nd): Minutes approved with corrections.

Motion to approve minutes of March 26 (Thom, Kevin 2nd): Minutes approved with corrections.

2 (Chad): The Facilities Management meeting has been cancelled I've alerted Dr. Bachoo that the Facilities Project page on the website has fallen behind and invited him to attend our next meeting to talk to us and report.

(Char): The calendar of meetings at the system office has changed. That may have something to do with the cancellation of the Facilities management meeting.

You asked for an audit at the last meeting. I don't know if what I sent is what you were looking for.

(Chad): I thought the delineation of where "2020" ended and TransformCT began was getting murky.

General discussion about how CCSU appears to the parents of prospective students develops from Charlene's experiences looking at prospective schools for her daughter, currently a senior in high school.

Kathy: I think Charlene and Kevin should sit together to discuss changes that could improve the acceptance letters sent out by the admissions office.

General agreement.

3. No new business

4. (Char): Prior to 2000 there was a change in General Fund allocation, which resulted in funds that had been scheduled for CCSU to be suspended in 2009. The total amount was 3.2 million. We have had a receivable in our account ever since. Now the Finance Committee has a plan to pay. \$1.7 million will be given to CCSU before June and the same amount later. Because we have carried that debt it won't actually show an increase in our reserves, but it will provide the university with greater flexibility.

Also, the fringe recovery rate reimbursement from the system office had been underestimated. This will result in \$480,000 in additional funding for FY 2014.

5. Guy not present

6. All divisional reps are out of the office

Carlos: May I please have 5 minutes?

I'd like to talk about the payment of the fee for H1 visas when we hire someone that is not an American citizen. They are beginning this discussion at the AAUP chapter meeting, but it should be discussed here as well. The individual faculty that was coming to CCSU used to pay this fee. Then the university was picking up the tab, and finally it fell to the departments. So now, individual departments not only pay for the incoming H1 visas, but the fees from the past few years. For my department that might be as much as \$1550, or half our budget. This directly contradicts the universities stated goal of becoming more international

(Chad): I'll contact Lisa Bigelow. Perhaps she can provide some data or history.

Adjourned at 3:18