

President's Budget Advisory Group
201 Marano Campus Center
30 November 2018 3:00 pm
Minutes

PRESENT

Rick Back, Dean Crawford, Jim Nichols, Dan Tryon, Lisa Glidden, Bill Canning, David Andrews, Marcia Burrell, Sarah Bonzo, Omar VanReenen, Mary Canale, Jerri Howland, Nick Lyons, Pat Clarke, Kristen Eichhorn, Jill Pippin, Julie Pretzat-Merchant, Richard Skolnik, Mitch Fields, Mike Flaherty, Dan Griffin, Rick Kolenda, Mark Slayton, Mary Toale, Pam Caraccioli, Debbie Furlong, Vicki Furlong, Rameen Mohammadi, Sean Moriarty, Sarah Weisman, Wayne Westervelt

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Frank Byrne, Casey Walpole, James MacKenzie, Amy Shore, Scott Furlong, Pam Michel, Kristi Eck

AGENDA

- Welcome
- UUP Contract Financial
- FTE by Division
- Questions and Discussion

WELCOME

Meeting began at 3:04 pm

President Stanley welcomed the group

Discussion:

We need to engage together as we look at the budget going forward. There are threats on the horizon; we need to look to see the storm around us. We are in a solid position, but there are difficulties looming in the future.

Campuses are asking SUNY for help managing the contract raises. Institutions are to use current funding from their reserves and from new revenues to pay the salary increases. Fredonia is faced with retrenchment, and 5-6 institutions are seeking help with how to fund the contractual raises.

We are solvent, but are asking you to strategize and give it thought as to how we manage the budget going forward. Over the next semester, we are asking you to strategize to define more clearly things we can do. Once we define strategies, we can make them into action items going forward.

Related discussion:

Is there a campus consolidation discussion? Do not know.

Will there be a retirement incentive? SUNY said no.

How would NYS single payer health care system affect this scenario? Could be a positive impact, but will need to wait and see.

Will SUNY exist 20 years from now? Maybe in a different way. Empire State is different.

It is expensive to participate in a residential campus. Need to be concerned about the barriers for students.

We are in better shape than most, as others are facing retrenchment and program consolidation.

UUP CONTRACT FINANCIAL

Nick Lyons presented UUP Contract Information (see slides)

FTE BY DIVISION

Nick Lyons presented FTE by division (see slide).

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Technology not built into construction projects: comes from reserves

Are we in the same situation as others? No because we've grown, invested in new programs, created scholarships for students, program accreditations, and have campaigned to raise money for scholarships and applied projects. We need to gather information to compare to other SUNY schools and outside comprehensives, look at ways we can staff curriculum, look at what will not change so the institution can add strength and not weaken the institution, and find other ways to free up revenue to apply to the deficit.

Will there be a tuition increase? Legislative decision. Not something to use as a solution, and not looking to grow the institution. How does tuition increase work? The SUNY trustees ask the legislature to approve.

How do we see online affecting where we are going as an institution? We do not see it as a dichotomy—we are bricks and mortar as well as online.

The RFI for outside vendors for online learning—work group working to have a final memo and report by December 7. There appear to be three strong proposals.

How will we sustain a residential campus in an online environment? Our work in the classroom will remain a necessity. Work with campus and community relations.

Perhaps we need more 21st century people on Budget Advisory Group. The Math department has a new professor using technology in new ways, and it works for students.

SUNY Oswego has adapted and shifted, and we need to think of solutions and opportunities that may be around the corner. What we do maybe we've not done before. How will social media in the classroom or AI or VR play a role?

Thank you for attending. We are looking forward to working together on these issues.

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