

Council on University Planning and Budget
December 8, 2017
2:00 p.m. – Arcola-Tuscola Room
Minutes

Voting Members Present: Angela Anthony, Steve Brantley, Peggy Brown, Melissa Caldwell, Mona Davenport, Eric Davidson, Sace Elder, Richard England, Cathy Engelkes, Ryan Hendrickson, Gloria Leitschuh, Leigh Moon, Steve Rich, Jemmie Robertson, Kathlene Shank, Jody Stone, Melody Wollan, Westley Wright, Luke Young, Tim Zimmer

Absent: Lauren Clapp, Grace Fosu, Allorah Miles-L’Hote

Non-Voting Members Present: Lynette Drake, Jay Gatrell, David Glassman, Judy Gorrell, Paul McCann

Guests: Josh Awalt, Cassie Buchman, John Henderson, Laurie Neese, Rhonda Nichols

1. Call to order – Kathlene Shank called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes for November 3, 2017 – Motion (Wollan/Davenport): Approve the minutes as corrected: Melissa Caldwell was present. The minutes were approved as corrected by acclamation.
3. New Business
Mr. John Henderson presented an update on the projects completed by CATS (Center for Academic Technology Support). Three auditoriums (Phipps, Coleman, and Buzzard) and ten classrooms are being upgraded at a cost of \$100K from student fee money, six student rooms in the Library are being upgraded with Library gift funds, and with the support of the President’s Council, CATS was able to bring back a Web developer.

Mr. Josh Awalt presented an update on the budgets and expenditures for FY17 in Information Technology Services. There was a \$535K budget decrease from FY16 to FY17. \$1.4M was spent on annual support renewals for FY17. Mr. Awalt discussed several “wins” for ITS including an upgrade of Internet bandwidth capacity to 10 Gb, hiring a new Systems Administrator and a Database Administrator, training of ITS personnel in critical applications and services, and reviewing wireless network access within academic buildings. Goals for IT include infrastructure refresh cycles, review and redefine a funding model for ITS, and expand virtual resources.
4. Executive Committee Report – None
5. Athletics – Each member was given an opportunity to speak on the subject of Athletics. The majority of the comments were in favor of keeping the sports and covering the deficit. A variety of reasons were mentioned:

- Athletics generates revenue;
- Student athletes are some of our best students;
- Student athletes are good ambassadors for the university;
- This is not a good time to cut sports;
- There is no benefit in creating a news story;
- The academic performance of teams is commendable;
- There is little support for cutting any sport other than football;
- Stay the course;
- Tom Michael has done a good job with the circumstances he inherited;
- EIU receives free publicity for the university;
- Alums and/or donors want to talk about athletics;
- Athletes bring diversity to campus.

Some suggestions were also provided:

- Look at other schools in the OVC – is there an optimal student athlete to non- student athlete ratio;
- Go to Division II or III;
- All money saved should go into academics;
- Evaluate the conference we're in and possibly play schools that would resonate more with our students, alums, donors, and community.

6. Administrative/Subcommittee Reports

- a. President Administrative Report – Leigh Moon reported that the subcommittee met and discussed the Federal tax bills, Athletics, and the Interim Dean for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.
- b. Vice President of Academic Affairs Administrative Report – No report
- c. Vice President of Business Affairs Administrative Report – Mr. McCann reported that the FY18 budgets have been loaded. All money for FY17 has been received. He provided the Appropriated Line Item Status Report as of October 31, 2017. Mr. McCann distributed the draft of the FY 17 audit.
- d. Vice President of Student Affairs Administrative Report – No report
- e. University Advancement Administrative Report – Steve Rich reported that the subcommittee met and discussed marketing initiatives , such as 30-second videos showing in select theaters in December. He also noted that development officers now have access to travel funds.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.