

Wednesday, April 9, 2013

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Dear Dr. Polatajko,

Thank you for meeting with the Faculty Senate's Faculty Budget Priority Committee on Friday, April 4 to provide us a preview of the University Budget Presentation that you will be making on April 17. The members of the committee appreciate your taking the time to share with us the draft Budget Proforma for Fiscal year 2015, including the general overview of the University's proposed revenues and expenses.

The committee encourages you to focus on two specific matters as you continue to work on the details of the budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

First, the committee is concerned that adjunct, part-time faculty are generally not adequately compensated. Their salaries should at least be comparable to people who hold similar positions at nearby institutions like Sinclair Community College. An effort should also be made to ensure that they have access to appropriate space for class preparation and meeting with students outside of class. The committee is convinced that one of the surest ways to help our students succeed is by providing them with ready access to world-class faculty.

Second, the committee was very interested in the University carefully assessing the effect of the proposed branding efforts. It is suggested that the work that is done have clear short- and long-term goals that are adequately communicated to the University community and that data are evaluated to determine progress toward those goals. The committee would welcome an opportunity to have input into the development of those goals and the assessment that ensures a good return on the investment that will be made.

Good luck with your presentation to the Wright State University community on April 17! Please let me know if you have any questions or if I and the Faculty Budget Priority Committee can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,

Dan E. Krane
Chair, Faculty Budget Priority Committee