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From The Provost's Report

Dr. Sudkamp began his report by summarizing a few key points from Dr. Hopkins budget remediation update sent via email earlier in the day. https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Feb/meeting/BudgetUpdate_2017_02Feb_20.pdf

A mid-year analysis of the ongoing budget remediation has revealed the need to create a budget for next fiscal year that is \$25M less in base budget operational spending than the current fiscal year.

- Revenue and enrollment, particularly international enrollment, are down from this point last year.
- While domestic enrollment is up, the additional College-Credit-Plus students do not provide significant revenue.
- Overall tuition revenue is down \$10M from the projected amount in the current fiscal year budget.
- In the past, projected investment income was factored into the budget but will not be built into the model for the next fiscal year budget.
- The university needs to start rebuilding its unrestricted reserves.

The administration will be pursuing a three-fold approach to address this issue:

- Merging, consolidating, and removing duplication from across the campus (academic and service units)
- Reach out to all units to perform a zero-based budget analysis to allocate their resources to their identified highest priorities.
- The administration will be looking for new big ideas (major reorganizations, new ways or methods of doing things, etc)
- The Board of Trustees have required a completed plan by their April 2017 meeting. Provost Sudkamp and CFO Jeff Ulliman are developing templates for the VPs and Deans to complete the processes mentioned above.

Dr. Sudkamp continued his report by updating the Senate on several issues regarding the Governor's budget proposal and other issues coming from Columbus:

- The proposed budget calls for no increase in tuition and fees for the next two years.
- The university will be required to complete a duplicative course evaluation, which requires the Board of Trustees to evaluate and report on all courses and programs based on enrollment and course duplication.
- Regional duplicative academic program review: Wright State will need to work with Central State to identify duplicative programs between the two institutions and enter an agreement regarding how the institutions may collaborate on these programs. Other actions mentioned at past Senate meetings for the duplicative/low enrollment program analysis may sharing a program or closing a program at one of the institutions, or submitting rationale regarding

why two duplicative programs should exist.

- Proposed Faculty tenure review to require the Board of Trustees to create a pathway to tenure based on commercialization.
- A proposal for universities to be required to provide all textbooks to students at a maximum rate of \$300/year or \$10/credit hour. If passed, estimates indicate the cost to Wright State will be between \$10M and \$12M if the university continues the current method of book assignments. It may also result in a push towards increased usage of open access course materials, or the need to implement a K-12 style distribution system that allows the university to amortize the cost of the materials over multiple years.
- The State of Ohio has adopted statewide CLEP standards, which were previously determined by each institution. Carl Brun will be working to implement those at Wright State by the Fall 2017 deadline.
- The State of Ohio is working on statewide pathways, essentially articulation agreements, between all state two and four year institutions in the areas of Business and Social Sciences.

In closing, Dr. Sudkamp invited everyone to attend the celebration of the new School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) at 4pm, Tuesday, February 21st in the Apollo Room. SPIA was created through the merger of the departments of Political Science, and Urban Affairs and Geography.

President Hopkins was not present for the February meeting, and did not deliver a report.

Executive Committee Report

Draft UAPRC Charge

At its January 23 meeting the Senate directed the EC to address the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Core Evaluation Committee regarding enhanced faculty oversight of the Wright State Core. The Executive Committee has proposed re-charging the Undergraduate Program Review Committee as the Undergraduate Core Curriculum Review Committee and giving it broad powers to review curriculum in the Wright State Core, particularly courses tagged with Multicultural Competence, Integrated Writing and Service Learning attributes and to set a timeline for course improvement or to recommend removing attributes from courses that fail to satisfy learning outcomes. Identified Faculty Leaders

Faculty Senate Vice President, one faculty leader from each college, and the three from the 360 Review Committee was tasked to meet with the external reviewers for the 360 review of OVPR. This included Travis Doom, Marty Emmert, Suzanne Franco, Geoff Owens, Rosemary Eustace, Dan Krane, Stephen Jacquemin, Joseph Slater, F. Alvarez-Leefmans, and Valerie Shalin.

The Executive Committee has asked the Office of the President not to provide hot hors d'oeuvres/reception for new Senators for the April meeting.

The EC also sought clarification on elections procedure. The EC voted in January 2015 to prohibit any individual from running for faculty president and vice president in the same election; however, one may run for one of these offices and a senate seat.

The EC met with Lukas Wenrick, President of WSU Student Government Association, to learn about its activities and accomplishments for the year and invited him to present to the full Senate.

Faculty Line – Election Update

The nomination period for Faculty President, Faculty Vice President, and Faculty Senators concluded on Monday, February 20th. Nominees were contacted via WSU email and have until Friday, February 24th to accept their nomination to be placed on the ballot. The complete slate of candidates will be announced once all nominees have accepted or the acceptance deadline has passed. Qualtrics ballots will be distributed the week after Spring Break and voting will conclude on Friday, March 10th. Please refer to the Senate election webpage for additional information: <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/about/faculty-membership-senate-elections>

Old Business

New Program of Study

BS in Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology. The program is intended to provide students with valuable training for post-graduation careers in electrical engineering fields, and was approved by the Senate without discussion. The full text of the program request can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Jan/meeting/15742_Electrical_Computer_Eng_Tech_BSECET_Combined.pdf

New Business

FBPC Report

The Faculty Senate Budget Priorities Committee presented its report detailing a list of recommendations to be considered for budget remediation. These recommendations include temporary downsizing of any affiliated entities projected to draw heavily from the university's budget and alignment of administrative salaries with those of other similarly-sized state universities. The full text of the report can be found here: https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Feb/meeting/FBPC_Spring2017_Priority_Report_Final.pdf

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