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Old Business

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Dr. Hopkins announced that he is looking forward to joining the conversation with the Faculty Senate Budget Priority Committee on November 20th to discuss a series of questions the committee has put forward. He then reminded the Senate of the current issues surrounding the funding of Wright State and other public universities:

• There’s no longer a sustainable model for financing public universities in the State of Ohio and the rest of the country
• Ohio is ranks 46th in terms of state support for higher education
• Wright State has gone from receiving over 70% our funding from the State of Ohio to less than 20%
• Current state funding is now only allocated based on student completion
• Wright State has been working for the last seven years to invest in significant initiatives around supporting student success and completion
• The State of Ohio has also been reducing the availability of Capital Funding, Wright State recently receives less than it did in 2005
• 2005 – $14.6mil
• 2007 – $16.5mil
• 2009 - $0
• 2011 - $12mil earmarked for NEC Building construction
• 2015 - $13.7mil

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