

### **Provost Sudkamp**

Dr. Sudkamp announced that the \$300 textbook mandate will not appear in the state budget bill as proposed by the legislature. The next textbook proposal may require that universities to reduce the costs of textbooks and course materials by 10% per year for the next five years.

### **Budget Remediation Updates**

Dr. Sudkamp announced that he and CFO Jeff Ulliman have been examining the proposed budgets submitted by all deans and vice presidents. As previously stated, the goal is to remediate \$30 million from the base budget operating expenses for the next fiscal year. Of that \$30 million, \$8 million has already been realized via savings from the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program and other unfilled separations.

With regard to revenue, Dr. Sudkamp applauded the efforts of Faculty Senators and Senate Committee members to introduce new programs of study. Dr. Sudkamp expressed that there are three ways for faculty to help with university revenue:

- Recruiting – nobody can sell Wright State’s programs as well as the Faculty can;
- Retention – by developing engaging curriculum and making use of a variety of pedagogical methods such as Active Learning. Faculty should continue to ask, “What can our programs do to remove obstacles to curate a curriculum where students can retain the material and make it to graduation?”;
- Developing new programs and curricula that attract students.

Dr. Sudkamp continued his report by discussing college and department infrastructure as it pertains to the budget remediation. The administration is currently reviewing various proposals to merge colleges (such as the creation of an Allied Health College) and academic departments, which would lead to fewer administrators and lower administrative costs for those units. Any proposal along these lines will need to be thoroughly studied to make sure that they improve academic programs and offer synergies that we do not currently have, and finally the various stakeholders in those units will need to be consulted to determine if the merger makes sense for the University and its academic programs. Due to time constraints, any such merger will not be able to go forward until the next fiscal year.

### **Miscellaneous**

Dr. Sudkamp announced that the previously mentioned state-required duplicative program review report has been submitted to the Board of Trustees and is available online.

<https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2017/Apr/meeting/AA%207%20Wright%20State%20University%202017%20Initial%20Report%20on%20Duplicate%20Programs.pdf>

The cyclical reviews of service units are ongoing; Research & Sponsored Programs was the most recently reviewed unit. A copy of the recent 360-Review Report of Office of Vice President for Research is available on the Provost's website.

<https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/page/attachments/OVPRG-360-Report.pdf>

Dr. Fyffe will be stepping down as the Vice President for Research effective September 30, 2017. Dr. Sudkamp indicated that a VPR search committee will need to work over the summer in order to host on-campus forums at the beginning of Fall Semester, and that the administration will work with incoming Faculty President Travis Doom to select faculty representation for the committee.

At the request of the Senate Executive Committee, Dr. Sudkamp has charged Vice President for Enrollment Management to create an Enrollment Management Task Force to develop a strategic plan including a broad university recruiting plan that incorporates undergraduates, graduates, international, and other students. The task force should include members from all across campus including faculty, students, and staff.

In closing, Dr. Sudkamp announced that the University Promotion and Tenure Committee recently met to determine the Faculty Award winners. As of April 17, the winners have not been announced but Dr. Sudkamp indicated that the tremendous caliber of the nominees made for very challenging choices.