

Provost Sudkamp

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 \$25million 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 0-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 institution will share these programs. Other actions mentioned at past Senate meetings include removal of specific programs from 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 \$10million and \$12million 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.