Faculty Senate Newsletter

Budget Remediation Update

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Draft UAPRC Charge

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From The President’s Report

Dr. Sudkamp continued his report by summarizing a few key points from Dr. Hopkinson’s budget remediation update sent via email earlier in the day. 

• A proposal for universities to be required to provide all textbooks to students at a maximum rate of $250/year or $50/month. If there is no publisher, institutions must continue the current method of book assignments. It may also result in colleges/research universities turning to open access course materials, or the need to implement a 6-12 style distribution system that allows universities to amortize the cost of the materials over multiple years.

• The State of Ohio has adopted statewide CIVL standards, which were previously determined by each institution. Carol 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 a mid-year analysis of the ongoing budget, presented by Provost Sudkamp and CFO Jeff Ulliman are developing templates for the VPs and Deans to complete the processes mentioned above.

The university needs to start rebuilding its unrestricted reserves. The university will be required 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 $132M from the projected $1.1B 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.

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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 allocations to allocate their resources to their identified top priorities.
• The administration will be looking for new big ideas (major research, new ways or methods of doing things, etc.)

The Board of Trustees have required a complete 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, other issues and 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 needs to work with Central State to identify duplicative programs between the two institutions and work toward merging or discontinuing the programs.

Other actions mentioned at past Senate meetings for the first semester of the 2016-17 budget process included: 

• proposed Faculty Senate Vice President to require the review of the new student orientation program. A walk through a pathway to tenure to be based on commercialization.

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Faculty Line

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Face to Face Faculty Senate

The nomination period for Faculty President, Faculty Vice President, and Faculty Senators concluded on Monday, February 20th. Nominees were contacted via email earlier in the week 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. Qualification ballots will be distributed the week after Spring Break and will go out on Friday, March 10th. Please refer to the Senate election webpage for additional information.

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