

**Provost Sudkamp**

- I. Dr. Sudkamp opened his report by thanking Faculty President Carol Loranger and Faculty Vice President Travis Doom for their leadership during this past year. Dr. Sudkamp also extended his congratulations to Faculty President-elect Doom and Faculty Vice President-elect Dan Krane.
- II. Dr. Sudkamp announced that Dr. Curtis McCray began his term as Interim University President today, March 20, 2017. Dr. McCray will serve until Dr. Cheryl Schrader becomes the President on July 1, 2017. The Board of Trustees has charged Dr. McCray with overseeing the budget remediation process:
  - The Board has required a reduction of \$25-\$30million from budget by July 1, 2017.
  - A Presidential Transition Advisory Board, consisting of the Provost, CFO, Student Government representative, Staff Council representatives, and Faculty President Loranger, will meet weekly over next three months to assist with the process.
  - Deans and Vice Presidents have been asked to provide a priority evaluation of the activities in their units based on the mission of providing high quality academic programs to the students, develop cost reduction scenarios, and make suggestions to merge or consolidate services and identify efficiencies.
- III. Dr. Sudkamp reminded the Senators of the federal law requiring textbook adoptions to be submitted prior to when students are first able to register for classes, and of the proposed state law to require colleges to supply all books at a capped rate of \$300 per year. Dr. Sudkamp deferred further conversation on textbooks to Dan Krane who spoke more during the Executive Committee report.
- IV. The ODHE-required regional duplicative program report is ongoing. By the end of this academic year the university needs to submit a report to ODHE stating which programs it intends to continue offering. Deans have been asked to provide rationale for continuing programs that have been identified as being duplicated at Central State. The university will need to decide to continue offering the program(s), collaborate with Central State to share the program(s), or discontinue the program(s). While the goal is to not close any programs, the Board of Trustees has also asked that these programs be examined to determine if they are financially sound.
- V. The university recently received \$800k dollars from the Choose Ohio First Scholarship program to award to students in high-demand STEM degree fields in the region.
- VI. Dr. Sudkamp announced that he met with the President and Provost of Edison Community College to demonstrate WSU's IVDL technology and discuss a trial of extending WSU 4-year degree programs to a community college partner.

## **Q&A**

Senator Rooney raised a question about Summer teaching budgeting compared to Fall and Spring budgeting.

Dr. Sudkamp replied that the current Summer term budgeting rules do not make sense, and that Deans have been assured that any summer course with at least 15 attendees will not lose money.

Senator McClellan raised a question about a memo received by the unclassified staff regarding changes to the involuntary separation policy.

Dr. Berberich & Dr. Sudkamp answered that it was one part aligning with other State institutions since WSU's policy was much more generous than any other IUC school. The other part is related to the budget remediation process since the university cannot afford to pay salaries up to a year after serving notice of separation.

Senator Kadakia raised a concern regarding the hiring freeze and why hiring with money from a grant has been frozen since it wouldn't impact the budget.

Dr. Sudkamp stated he needs to follow-up with Human Resources and the Strategic Hiring Committee regarding this issue.