

Minutes of the University Budget Advisory Committee

11:00am November 7, 2017 in Trinkle 107B

In attendance: Antonio Causarano, Brooke Di Lauro, Jane Huffman, Pam Lowery, Will Mackintosh, Abbie Tomba.

The meeting was a working session to review feedback we have received from the faculty. The Chair will then edit it as a whole document.

Our findings from faculty surveys were as follows:

1) Priorities for new investments

- a) Equipment & technology: better wireless access, update faculty computers, update classroom technology, provide access to restricted licensed programs
- b) Infrastructure & Physical plant: accessibility, parking, academic building renovation
- c) Academic & co-curricular: restore the money that faculty get for professional funds to \$600; reduce adjuncts and hire more full-time faculty across all 3 Colleges; support faculty for professional development (research or travel); provide financial support or appropriate release time when we ask faculty to design new courses; consider new programs or minors; equity in research funding across all 3 Colleges; investment in academic buildings; many specifics for specific courses were mentioned; think more directly about on-line programs and how that might support either savings of money; increase accessibility (closed captioning for example).

2) Opportunities for new revenue: sell naming rights to historical buildings (social justice to create visibility); donors for buildings/centers; gallery store for ARTH to partner with community; use of Stafford campus, revenue-generating after-school program for high-schoolers staffed by COE faculty and students; offer non-degree programs to community as outreach around Stafford campus (talk to Kimberly Young); differential pricing for graduate COB and COE courses so that COE can be competitive with other programs who are cutting prices.

3) Fundraising (Will): overlaps with opportunities for new revenue; infrastructure, naming opportunities for donor-supported entrepreneurship; donors might want to offer large instruments, support Summer Science or earmark funds to meet the needs for students with disabilities; President Paino might lead a fundraising drive for social justice and diversity initiative.

We then discussed what our process would be and wondered if we want to go back to calling various constituencies in to get reports on things like the budget implications of our parking crisis.

We decided to table the discussion on inequitable funding among Colleges and parking and plan to take them up in January. In the interim, Will will extend an invitation to the chairs of the Parking Task Force (Lynne Richardson and Paul Messplay) to meet to talk about the budgetary implications of parking plan between Thanksgiving and the end of the semester (due to the timeliness of the situation).

The Committee approved minutes from its October 10th meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Di Lauro