

Minutes of the University Budget Advisory Committee

11:00am September 12, 2017 in Trinkle 107B

In attendance: Antonio Causarano, Brooke Di Lauro, Jane Huffman, Mike Lapke, Will Mackintosh, Troy Paino, Lynne Richardson, Abby Tomba

The Committee explained to President Paino and Interim Vice President Lynne Richardson that it used to serve in an advisory capacity and would like to get back to that. To that end, the Committee asked what kind of advice the Cabinet would like, on what kinds of questions, and at what point in budget cycle.

President Paino expressed his desire to have a more inclusive and transparent system which allows faculty and other constituents to provide input along the way. After sharing the Board's resource priorities, he said that it is very important to hear from faculty what they think are resource priorities.

President Paino reassured the Committee that addressing salary compression is still a top priority, but he assumes that faculty will have other ideas than those suggested by the BOV and requested feedback in areas such as: infrastructure / physical plant, equipment, programming. To that end, the Cabinet would like early input as well as feedback throughout the process and not just at end when it is hard to have any influence.

President Paino then explained that although we're not in a state of exigency, we will have to make some very hard decisions and asked the Committee how much of a role they would like to play on the reallocation side of things. The Committee determined that they would like to be involved in all aspects—resource priorities, reallocation, and potential revenue. Mike suggested that we have a debriefing with the Cabinet at the end of the year to see how our input was useful.

At 11:25am President Paino and Interim VP Richardson leave the meeting and the Committee agreed to begin by consulting with the faculty to identify resource priorities in the areas indicated by the President (with the addition of technology) and plans to create a report on those priorities by the end of November. The Committee will also request from the faculty recommendations for resource reallocation, opportunities for new revenue, and ideas for fundraising.

COB and COE representatives will bring the questions to their faculty at their next monthly meeting while CAS representatives will attend the CAS Chairs meeting and ask the Chairs to take the questions to their respective Departments. In addition, the Committee will host open forums.

In the spring, the Committee intends to meet with Jeff Rountree to discuss under-utilized Foundation funds and will meet again with the President and Cabinet once the State and the BOV have announced their budgets/plans.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Di Lauro