

University Budget Committee

Monday November 12, 2015

MINUTES

Guest: Mun Choi, Provost.

Here are the Chair's notes from the 11/12 meeting.

- Provost Mun gave information on the budget situation. The information was identical to what he shared with the Senate on Nov 2. [See draft minutes here.](#)
- He talked about a net ~260 new hires in the past 6 years (436 minus 175 retirees), and an additional about 150 in-residence full time teaching faculty.
- He mentioned that the university aims for an 80:20 ratio of TT/IR faculty. He said this was pretty good, and Purdue was the best at 86% and some U California schools were the lowest at 45-55%.
- Jim Marsden pointed out after the meeting that going by the recent hires (150 out of 260) in the bullet above, we will soon be diluting the 80:20 ratio.
 - I have asked OIRE to supply us with data on faculty head count by TT/IR and teaching at different campuses.
- The Provost gave an update on the Academic Plan competition, including FMRI investment for Big Brain, proposals submitted on Public Discourse and 3D dissection. He said there will be a small seed funding RFP (\$1 million total made up of grants of \$50k each) this year.
- Library funding was discussed, same as in the Senate on Nov 2. We agreed to invite Martha Bedard, and she has agreed to meet us on Jan 25.
- The Provost gave an update on the Stamford campus housing project. A new RFI has been floated for it.
- The Hartford campus should be ready to move in Fall 2017. Status of West Hartford campus – unknown. No plan for major increase in enrollment in Hartford.
- About conference space at Avery Point, the Provost said there is a need for academic space more than conference space.
- Regarding the School of Health proposal, he mentioned that a task force was at work. No additional information at this time.
- Conferences at Nathan Hale, Avery Point – creating the STEM residence hall will free up some space in Nathan Hale. Tech Park will increase need for conference space.