## University Senate Budget Committee November 16, 2020 Minutes

Present: Rajeev Bansal, Robert Bird, Lloyd Blanchard, Angela Brightly, Jeffrey Crouse, Robert Daniels, Michael Jones, Philip Mannheim, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Lisa Park Boush, Carol Polifroni Chair, Lauren Slingluff, Paulo Verdi, Michael White, Guest: Pam Schipani, Residential Life

Agenda:

- 1. Discuss residential life and impact on retention
- 2. Continue budget review
  - 1. Residential life
    - a. 6<sup>th</sup> largest public university housing program
    - b. Regularly studies student population and interests
    - c. Students interested in a sense of belonging, a learning environment, safety, a supportive environment and money spent on their well being
    - d. 2019 focus was on
      - i. Interpersonal relationship negotiations
      - ii. Understanding and embracing differences
      - iii. Intellectual environment
    - e. 2020 housing plan
      - i. Indicates need ~4500 more beds
      - ii. Better amenities and more apartment style living
      - iii. Need to either do major renovations or new build
    - f. Stamford campus
      - i. Increase number of beds
      - ii. Currently in two buildings and may need more
    - g. Pandemic
      - i. As of now 89% of students living on campus plan to return in spring
      - ii. Will focus on more planned activities
  - 2. SEBAC
    - a. Some UCPEA layoff notices received for Spring 2021
    - b. Will monitor
    - c. Negotiations at UConn proceeding
  - 3. Hiring
    - a. Hiring freeze but hiring continues
    - b. Every position examined by President
    - c. Some hires are grant related
    - d. Retirements due to SEBAC negotiations need to be addressed
    - e. Cluster hires to double the research
  - 4. Library
    - a. Need to examine different model for journal access
    - b. Looking into using REPRINT Desk for journal access
    - c. Will conduct a pilot

Next meeting: Invite Anne Langley, Dean of library Deep dive into budget