

University Senate Budget Committee
November 15, 2021
Minutes

Present: Christopher Bergen, Lloyd Blanchard, Jeffrey Crouse, Elena Dormidontova, Stephen Dyson, Jeffrey Gagnon, Michael Jones, Phillip Mannheim, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Lisa Park Boush, Carol Polifroni (co-chair), Christine Scott-Dougan, Erika Skoe, Lauren Slingluff, Michael Vertefeuille, Paula Wilmot
Excused: Robert Bird, Paulo Verardi, Michael White
Guest: Anne Langley, Dean of Library

1. Dean Anne Langley, Library

- a. \$1.2M in rescissions in FY 20 and 21; collections is largest hit
- b. Needed new plan to address and selected Article Galaxy Scholar
 - i. Has been tested throughout Fall 2021
 - ii. More testing over winterbreak
 - iii. Will launch in Spring as journals need to be renewed
- c. USBC expressed concern about plan in three areas
 - i. Inability to see the whole journal and related articles without doing a separate request
 - ii. How will plan be monitored to know if it is successful or not?
 - iii. If program delivers materials within five minutes of request, why are no other research 1 universities using it?
- d. USBC will receive a demo of system at their February meeting
- e. Why does library not receive any IDCs? (we will investigate)

2. Fiscal update from Lloyd Blanchard, Interim CFO

- a. Current state of budget plan
 - a. Budget sources
 - i. 26% of budget comes from state's block grant (including fringe)
 - ii. 47% from tuition and fees including housing
 - iii. 27% from grants, philanthropy, sales, entrepreneurial
 - b. federal dollars related to COVID will cease at the end of FY22
 - c. FY 22 has a \$5.5M deficit which is manageable
 - i. housing currently at 88%
 - ii. expect that to rise to 90-92% in Fall 2022 (need to leave room for isolation due to pandemic)
- b. Budget process includes annual rescissions to fund priorities and provide funds for reallocation
- c. Concern expressed about growth of Human Resources [56% over past five years]

3. DeltaGE Update

- a. USBC does not support using the adjunct rate for replacement of faculty for Navigator role; departments will be, in essence, receiving an unfunded mandate if this occurs; need to replace at % of salary or something equal to what it will cost for the replacement
- b. It is essential to determine how current GA who are teaching and assisting with research will be funded; this cost needs to be part of the GE plan
 - i. Available data are difficult to unpack We know in Fall 2019 7273 students were enrolled in lab courses (6036 in Spring 2020), but we do not know how many were required for majors v part of GE requirement

- ii. Will discuss with SEC a survey of departments.
- c. How much double dipping will be possible in new plan and what is the fiscal impact of potentially fewer courses?

Next meeting: January 31 at 2:30 pm web address to follow