

Council on University Planning and Budget  
April 1, 2022  
2:00 p.m. – Room 4440 Booth Library  
Minutes

Voting members present: Mark Bluhm, Katie Caulkins, Jon Coleman, Mona Davenport, Ben Drake, Daylea Ethridge, Kristina Keck, Amber May, James Ochwa-Echel, Gopal Periyannan, Jody Stone, Rebecca Throneburg, Vernon Woodley, Tim Zimmer

Absent: Gurkan Akalin, Todd Bruns, Devin DeBoth, Laretta Henderson, Bobbi Kingery, Mike Murray, Isaac Slaven

Non-voting members Present: Anne Flaherty, Jay Gatrell, Judy Gorrell, Paul McCann, Sean Reeder, Ken Wetstein

1. **Call to order and introductions** – Mark Bluhm called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m
2. **Approval of minutes for March 4, 2022-** Motion (Drake/Coleman): to approve the minutes as written. Yes: Bluhm, Caulkins, Coleman, Davenport, Drake, Ethridge, Keck, May, Ochwa-Echel, Periyannan, Stone, Throneburg, Woodley, Zimmer; Abstention: Bruns; No: None; motion carried.
3. **Planning and Budget Report**  
Ms. Ceci Brinker provided a slide presentation on the Student Life Office. She provided an overview of services, goals, and current organizational chart. Currently there are 175 RSO's on campus. Ms. Brinker
  - i. Reviewed budgets for SLO, Student Government, and University Board
  - ii. Discussed a subset of the budget for Homecoming and concerts
4. **CUPB Executive Committee Report** – Mark Bluhm reported that the Executive Committee met via email to set the agenda.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Administrative/Subcommittee Report
    - i. **President Administration Report**–Dr. Glassman discussed the recent COVID masking policy change – mask optional on campus, faculty still have option in classroom to opt for mask optional or required.  
  
EIU administrators testified 2 weeks ago to the Senate Appropriations Committee. General Assembly creating budget – expect this to be done by April – recommending a 5% increase in appropriations for higher education. The Bill that funds mental health counselling and education at universities is still alive and working its way through committee. VP Flaherty discussed anticipated impact to EIU in terms of costs (\$800,000 per year).

Dr. Glassman provided search updates: VPBA – Sean Reeder left 3/31/22. Search is underway with hopes of a new hire with a start date of July 1, 2022. Senior Officer of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Search, chaired by Dean Bonnekesen is underway. The search for the Director of Employee and Labor Relations is underway as well.

- ii. Vice President for Academic Affairs – The subcommittee met and reviewed the budget and expenditures are on target. The new Dean for Health and Human Services to be joining us soon. The new program, BS in Health Services is going to BOT and MS in Arts and Teaching is also being added. \$750,000 grant received for rural teaching needs initiative. Strategic planning process has begun. The goal is to send the completed plan to BOT by June '23. Higher Learning Commission process launching a 2-year process UPI discussions have begun. April 6<sup>th</sup> guest speaker will be on campus, Darrel Pines.
- iii. Vice President for Business Affairs – Mr. Paul McCann provided an update of projects on campus: Science building – planning process is to be complete in 5-6 months, Library steps will be ready to go after graduation, McAfee Gym exterior renovation is about finished, Tunnel work is in planning stages with an end of summer anticipated start date, and work in the Life Science building expected to be complete in Fall '22.

Mr. McCann reviewed the Appropriated Line Item Status Report. Social Security is running a deficit. Some funds from Personal Services will be moved to help cover the deficit. Awards, Grants, and Matching Funds will end the year in negative position. Utilities through January provide a positive outlook for that line item.

- iv. Vice President for Student Affairs – Dr. Flaherty provided an update on several items: Mental Health Days, Shield testing we test over 500 tested weekly, fee increase recommendations in Student Affairs coming soon, worked with Apportionment Board on allocations, 3 new UPD officers have been hired, an offer has been made for the Associate Director for the Counseling Center, search is underway for the MLK Jr Student Union Director position, and several searches underway in Housing and Dining with Asst Director, Complex Directors, and dining positions. All Graduate positions have been filled.
- v. Vice President University Advancement – Dr. Wetstein reported that currently we have over 3,600 donors, 5% down from a year ago, 9% down from 2 years ago, but closing the gap. Dollars raised \$6.58MM, 101% increase over last year, up 25% from 2 years ago. Commencement will be in 5 weeks with 3 ceremonies in Lantz. Steve Rich, Asst VP for Advancement, will be retiring at the end of June 2022.

Several events are planned: April 12<sup>th</sup> EIU Day of Giving, April 26<sup>th</sup> Alumni events in Effingham, June 12<sup>th</sup> Cardinals baseball game in St. Louis, and October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 EIU Homecoming.

- 6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.