Notes for Budget Meeting 2/24/2016

Budget Hearings for Provost and Fac Sen Budget Committee—Deans and Division Heads in Academic Affairs present their plans for a 16-17 budget in which they would be cutting their operating budgets.

Presenters’ handouts are in a separate document. Below is a list of questions that members of the committee posed to Deans.

Questions to the Deans from Budget Committee:

Fran Welch
Talk about the seats that there are not enough of? The scale, how many students are waiting?
Expected cost of separate accreditation for those two areas? (not sure which two areas specified but believe public health and exercise science)
Other areas you might be asked or think cuts may come from?

Amy McCandless
Do you have data on how effective those recruiting fairs are?
Funding for travel for students for research? Is that a foundation account?
Funds to pay graduate assistance-ships, are those separate?
1417 is ? That is Amy’s account

Lynne Ford
What proportion of your budget is center for student learning? Student tutors are personnel?
Do we need to be as engaged in that process as we are? Would it generate revenue to charge for a tutor?

Jimmie Foster
With regard to point 3 insufficient staffing you brought up concerns on data security, how far are we to finding best practices in this area?
What happens, students pay application fee, where does that application fee go? Does it drop into your budget? But you’re processing more of these, that doesn’t give you a larger number to work with?
Non-residents recruiting, given that they are paying more would that be wise for us?
Wanted to clarify, Recruiting is explicitly downtown only?

Alan Shao
Talk about, don’t have capacity to meet business course enrollments, can you say more about that?
How 6% budget cut would compromise your accreditation?
Valerie Morris
Unlike other departments you generate revenue, how does that fit into this? Offset?
Ongoing philanthropic work going on for simmons center?

Antonio Tillis
Do you have statistics, numbers or trends, on number of students placing out of language classes? Is it on the rise? Do you anticipate changes in best practices that would increase or decrease staff due to placement?
Study abroad funding for students; some get funding from office of international studies is that right?

Mike Auerbach
How does the sms(?) program affect you, in terms of budget?

John White
How much would you say if you removed those motors from the doors would that save? Would you do that anyways?
Historical society relocated over here, are they contributing? What is the arrangement?
What about the hours of operation?

Jerry Hale
Did you find your phones just weren’t ringing enough?
How much is a phone line?

Trisha Folds-Bennett
These students get advised a lot, is that someplace you could reduce their requirements and reduce the costs?

Andrew Sobiesuo
1. What’s the connection between admissions and CIE in terms of International students?
2. Asked about students studying abroad in affiliate programs. Asked if we are doing a lot of work for that without generating revenue. Asked what Andrew plans to do about that

Godfrey Gibbison
1. Could you give us the # of students who have stopped out in past 5 years?
2. Is the lottery scholarship money available to BPS students?

Registrar, Brian
1. What sorts of software are we talking about, one-time or recurring?
2. Essentially where are these funds coming from?