Minutes from Budget Committee

October 8, 2017

Committee Members: Todd McNerney, Julia Eichelberger, Scott Harris, Pam Riggs-Gelasco, Irina Ganaway, & William Veal (Chair), Jeff Yost (absent)

1) BGS Proposal

This is a degree with two minors and General Education that uses existing courses.

The budget involved all new students and no students transferring from another major or minor.

Discussion on pay differential for teaching on campus and off campus.

Program passed with a 5-0 vote.

2) Provost McGee gave a report/update

- Met all financial goals for the fiscal year.
- Enrollment numbers look good. Out of state students are down from 37% to 32.5% now.
- Financial Aid is needed to attract more out of state students. Enrollment stability is gone due to new census data.
- Elite Liberal Arts and Research schools are doing well. The CAA schools and smaller state and private schools are hurting for money and students, nationwide!
- Our selectivity and yield need to be improved to attract more students.
- 5th and 6th year classes are included in the 4th year totals.
- Financial model does not do well with 3 + 2 models.

Strategic Plan is basically done. What is next?

What can faculty do?

- Help with prospective students. Call and write letters. Be here for new student acceptance weekends.
- Incorporate discipline-specific ways to interact/engage with HS students.