Minutes: Senate Budget Committee
Friday, February 1, 2019
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Discussion about Deans’ presentations:

We want to have this again this year to get more information about the Schools.

We will schedule the presentations the last week of March or first week of April.

Wm Veal will reserve a room

At next meeting, committee will discuss 4 questions to ask Deans

Presentation of Update CofC Budget by V.P. Paul Patrick

V.P. Patrick presented a slide show to discuss the update budget passed by the BOT

Budget 101:

- 70% of our $285M is people
- $222M education and general budget (E&G); $180M is unrestricted in E&G, the other is pass through
- $63M is auxiliary; athletics, food, housing, etc.

Budget Process 101:

- V.P. Patrick wants the Budget Committee to become more involved in the budget process. Involvement would include attendance at meetings where the budget is discussed and designed. It did not appear to be focused on helping with the mechanics of the budget. More informational and observational.
- Budget process starts in September.
- CofC must develop budget in May, vote on it in June, and then see if the projected student numbers fund the budget.
- September – November the State works on their bills and policies.
- Budget requests are made in March.
- April is used to narrow and reevaluate priorities for the budget.
- Budget Workshop in May to discuss tuition and budget policy.
- Budget Committee members could become part of the State discussions in September.
  - We want some voice
  - We want some buy-in
  - We can help with the “narrative”
  - We need to show our economic impact in the region
- Question: Would the faculty and departments know sooner in September about open lines so that we can search sooner?

Executive Session
Next Time:

Develop a set of 4 questions to ask the Deans.

Work with the Academic Planning Committee for the questions and to schedule the activity.

Once the questions are established, they need to be sent to the Deans with an invitation. William will speak with Brian McGee and Paul Patrick about April 4th. The invitation may go out in early March so that the Deans can plan a time slot early. Questions will arrive in late March after budgets have been developed for the Provost by the Deans.

William will speak with Megan about old hard copies of proposals that came through the Budget Committee in past years that are not electronic.

We will develop a report on Programs matching projected with actual student numbers. As Homework, each committee member needs to develop statements to support the narrative.