

**Minutes**  
**Senate Budget Policies Committee**  
**Friday, Nov 16, 2018, 2–4 p.m.**  
**CL 1817**

**Members in attendance:** Tyler Bickford (secretary), Panos Chrysanthis, Mackey Friedman, Jennifer Lee, John Mendeloff, Emily Murphy, Wesley Rohrer (chair), Cory Stillman (SGB), Adriana Maguina-Ugarte (SC), John Baker, Richard Henderson, Frank Wilson, Donovan Harrell (UTimes), Amanda Brodish, Brian Smith, Steve Wisniewski

**Absent:** Elia Beniash, Yolanda Covington-Ward, Shreyas Vamburkar, Beverly Gaddy, Phil Wion, David DeJong, Thurman Wingrove, Chris Bonneau

Meeting called to order at 2:03pm by Chair Rohrer

1. October minutes approved

2. Matters arising

- No matters arising

3. UP-Titusville update (Steve Wisniewski)

- History: Enrollment had been plummeting, due to changes in demographics and the fact that Titusville only offered two-year programs. We were looking at options. Three options considered:
  - 1. Ride it out, continue operating as two-year campus, see if we could recruit students. Would have required major investments in infrastructure, buildings, new investments in dorms, etc to recruit students.
  - 2. Close the campus
  - 3. Keep operating in some form to serve the area. Partner with other organizations on that footprint to provide services in the area. Long process with Chancellor, Provost Beeson, and members of Provost's staff to engage with Titusville community, staff, students, to determine what options would be best. No one wanted to close UPT. Through a lot of work they were able to come up with this combined solution where UPT is no longer a regional campus, but part of the Bradford campus, and we are working with community colleges and trade schools to get them onto that campus.
- Rohrer: Was the idea of having the vocational school come from the community?
  - Wisniewski: I believe it was Provost Beeson's idea
- Wisniewski: Larry Feick, who had run the planning process, is now the president of UP Bradford. There is going to be an impact.
  - There will be a reduction in staff over the next couple years. Idea is to have this fully in place by 2020. No immediate change to employment for folks up there. Some positions will be eliminated by 2020.
  - Meeting today with Feick and HR department about plan going forward. Individual meetings will come later.

- Tenure process will be honored for tenured faculty.
  - Will try to incentivize faculty and staff to stay through 2020 and work on the transition.
- Rohrer: How many faculty?
- Wilson: 5 Tenured, 25 FT, another 20 or so staff.
  - We are working with students to develop individualized advising plans so that we don't leave any students in the lurch
- Maguina-Ugarte: how many positions will be eliminated?
  - Wisniewski: Too soon to know
- Rohrer: Have there been contracts inked with the partners?
  - Wisniewski: Not inked. They are still negotiating, but partners have made commitments.
  - Rohrer: The partner organizations are Butler County Community College and Manchester Bidwell?
  - Wisniewski: Yes.
- Chrysanthis: Have we discussed our faculty transitioning to the partners' faculty?
  - Wisniewski: Maybe at the individual level.
  - Wilson: Some may be able to stay and teach their courses through the community college. Not clear who will pay for that. They have started to offer some of the faculty up there to move to openings at other campuses.
  - Wisniewski: Five years ago Bradford took over administrative responsibilities of managing the UPT campus.
- Bickford: What programs will Pitt be running?
  - Wisniewski: Still being developed
  - Wilson: Health sciences programs, physical therapy
  - Bickford: Is one possibility that Pitt would only manage the facilities and not offer any programs?
  - Wisniewski: No there will definitely be educational programs offered by Pitt
- Bickford: Are the regionals on a responsibility center budgeting model?
  - Wisniewski: No

#### 4. Campus Master Plan (Steve Wisniewski)

- Wisniewski presents Campus Master Plan (available at <https://www.campusplan.pitt.edu/draft-campus-plan>). Presented to Pitt community in October.
- Rohrer: Periodically when there have been master plans, usually its raised that there is a concern about maintaining common green space. Is that still a factor that's being considered?
  - Wisniewski: yes. Very little of what is proposed takes green space. We are also considering the "greenness" of each new or renovated building.
- Friedman: Identified need for additional recreation center?
  - Wisniewski: Benchmarking with peers and focus groups with students both showed that we are in need of further resources for students.
- Rohrer: With this plan, what assumptions are being made about student enrollment?

- Wisniewski: Steady state for undergraduate population with plans to grow the graduate population. You are not going to see a doubling of our undergraduate population.
- Wisniewski: This is the long term master plan. We will have capital plans that are ten years in duration, revised every five years.
- Chrystanthis: What will happen with Sennott Square?
  - Wisniewski: Just regular updates and renovations. University will not do construction projects above inhabited space.
- Friedman: Is it implicit here that there will be fewer cars coming into Oakland, less need for parking? But planned growth in graduate students requires more people?
  - Wisniewski: Graduate student growth would be online or evening. Areas for growth that have been identifies are statistics, physical therapy wants to do a big online program.
  - Murphy: So does the Physician Assistant program. They want us to grow from 48 to 60 and add another 60 more online students
- Friedman: Has carbon impact been included here?
  - Wisniewski: The university is committed to getting LEED certification on all new buildings. That is harder with renovations.
- Rohrer: Fundamentally isn't it the city that has to take responsibility for the integration to make sure that every piece fits.
  - Wisniewski: There is a planning board that approves these plans
- Rohrer: What is the time frame?
  - Wisniewski: It has not been explicitly stated
- Rohrer: How will we pay for this?
  - Wisniewski: state money, bonds, donors.
- Student: Does the plan increase the number of beds?
  - Lothrop is the only dorm that is potentially going away in this plan. Plan to build new housing. Overall more opportunity for housing.
- Baker: I still worry about the parking. It is a problem now, especially up on the hill. Looks like losing parking overall. With more people coming to campus it is something you need to look at.
- Feedback is being solicited here: <https://www.campusplan.pitt.edu/submit-your-feedback>

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Next meeting December 14, 2–4pm, CL1817