

**Minutes**  
**Senate Budget Policies Committee**  
**Friday, May 17, 2019, 2–4 p.m.**  
**CL 1817**

**Members in attendance:** Elia Beniash, Tyler Bickford (secretary), Panos Chrysanthis, Mackey Friedman, Jennifer Lee, John Mendeloff, Emily Murphy, Wesley Rohrer (chair), Adriana Maguina-Ugarte, John Baker, Beverly Gaddy, David DeJong, Richard Henderson, Thurman Wingrove, Chris Bonneau, Frank Wilson, Sue Jones (UTimes), Amanda Brodish, Brian Smith, Steven Wisniewski

**Absent:** Yolanda Covington-Ward, Cory Stillman, Shreyas Vamburkar, Phil Wion

Meeting started 1:58pm by Chair Rohrer

1. Approve April minutes
  - DeJong reported an error in Titusville campus update. Technically the partners are still in negotiation. Accepted, minutes updated to read “prospective partners”.
  - Minutes approved
2. Matters arising
  - none
3. Election of Officers for 2019/2020
  - Murphy and Bickford nominated for co-chairs
  - Maguina-Ugarte nominated for secretary
  - Nominees elected unanimously by voice vote
4. Fall 2019 recruitment update (DeJong)
  - Many challenges in term of things that were different from that that affected yield rates. Office of Admission and Financial Aid’s job has been very challenging.
    - This is the first year we joined the common app. That means that it is very difficult to understand what the prospective yields would be relative to the past.
    - New School of Computing and Information is recruiting first-year students for first time.
    - First year Honors College has shifted from affiliated model to membership model. Requires application. Probably increases yields for students who are admitted. We’ve always had a hard time communicating to families what the Honors College meant. For students right on the margin, strong students who don’t get in, may have negative impact on yield. (Everyone applying to Honors College is also applying to regular admission in a School.)
    - Pell match initiative.
  - For example: Original target for SCI was 100 students. Around November we realized the applicant pool was so strong, we would be well advised to double that. Carefully

working with A&S we figured out how to shift our enrollment targets to accommodate those extra students.

- Pleased with how class is shaping up. Will once again be very highly qualified. Major uptake in yield for Pell eligible students.
- No definitive numbers now. We're in the period where "summer melt" can happen.
- I expect we will have a highly qualified class.
- We are making great progress on our diversity goals, including Pell eligibility.
- Regionals cycle runs later. Bradford is doing really well compared to last year (when New York State created Excelsior program for tuition-free public college). Greensburg is close to right at where they were last year. Johnstown is slower.
- Rohrer: This is all undergraduate level. Are you looking at graduate admissions?
  - DeJong: Yes. Their timing is all over the place. I normally only hear bad news, haven't heard any this year.
- Rohrer: Any reliable way to assess impact of common app?
  - DeJong: Since there are so many other changes this year no. We bucketed all the common app applications into different groups, tracked them.
  - Lee: Has it significantly increased the applications?
    - DeJong: No. OAFA is trying to target students who we think are admissible. In one sense that makes us less "elite" by acceptance rate, but we don't see that as a useful measure. Level of applications have been trending down. Acceptance rates are going up.
- Bickford: What is target?
  - DeJong: 4205 was May 1 target to allow for summer melt to hit target at 4100-something.
- More Visitors this year than any other year.
  - Bonneau: Month of March 14000 people

Rohrer: Salary and Rank by Race report is in closed session because it is still a work in progress. Will be presented publicly in AY20.

Closed session for rest of meeting

5. UPBC recommendations on salary and tuition/Budget projections for FY20

6. Salary and rank by race—Amanda Brodish, Office of the Provost (report available to BPC members in Box folder)

- Preliminary data. Public report will be presented in AY20

Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm