

YSU Budget Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2018

11:00 a.m. – Kilcawley Center - Esterly Room 2069

Members in attendance: Dr. Joe Mosca, Dr. Charles Howell, Dr. Jeffrey Coldren, Carly Devenburgh, Lisa Mudryk, Mr. Eddie Howard, Dr. Thomas Wakefield, Elaine Jacobs, Dr. Tomi Ovaska, Dr. Bruce Keillor, Dr. John Jakubek, Caroline Smith, Ernie Barkett, Dr. Gregg Sturuss, Neal McNally.

Members absent: Dr. Jeff Tyus

Guest: Jim Yukech, AVP for Information Technology & Chief Information Officer

1. The meeting convened at 11:02 a.m. Jim Yukech presented the university's new computer replacement strategy that became effective today, and which was developed in consultation with the Council of Deans, Senior Leadership, and IT Governance committees. (Mr. Yukech's presentation is [available online](#).) Under this new approach, the university's IT Services will centrally manage the replacement, acquisition and installation of all PC and related equipment campus-wide. Mr. Yukech noted that although YSU is a late-adopter of centralization, YSU's new process is consistent with best practices at other universities, and significantly improves IT security through a 5- and 6-year replacement schedule for Windows and Apple devices, respectively. In order to implement the new process, departmental budget reallocations will occur annually and which will be based on each department's PC/laptop inventory.

Mr. Eddie Howard said that the new approach has helped Student Affairs areas reevaluate their PC/IT inventory and created an opportunity to purge unnecessary and antiquated equipment. Dean Charles Howell noted the \$31,000 budgetary impact on the Beeghly College of Education but said the new process provides for much management discretion and will be an improvement overall. Dean Howell also acknowledged Mr. Yukech's willingness to attend multiple Deans' Council meetings to respond to concerns that had been raised within the Division of Academic Affairs. Dr. Tomi Ovaski asked about the impact on IT personnel costs. Mr. Yukech responded that there could be some savings, but only marginally.

Mr. Yukech also presented the university's plan to select a course scheduling vendor, CollegeNet, which was selected through a competitive RFP process. The new CollegeNet system will significantly enhance YSU's existing manual system, and will help the university optimize space utilization. There was some discussion about why a disproportionate amount of YSU courses are currently offered between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Dr. Bruce Keillor said that in some cases

8:00 a.m. courses in the Williamson College of Business have been popular with students because it is easier to park on campus earlier in the morning. Dr. Ovaska said that from an economics standpoint, courses are generally scheduled in response to student demand. Elaine Jacobs said that the increase in the number of students living on and near campus may change student preferences. Neal McNally noted the university's \$200 million deferred bldg. maintenance backlog and said YSU needs to use CollegeNet to optimize how it uses its space. He also noted that other universities, such as Bowling Green State University, have utilized CollegeNet to gain efficiencies by closing and even demolishing campus buildings.

2. The Council reviewed its [membership structure](#), which consists of two students who are appointed by virtue of their positions on Student Government; four representatives of the Academic Senate appointed by the Senate President; three additional academic representatives appointed by the Provost; two staff representatives appointed by the Vice President for Finance; three administrators appointed by the President; the chairperson of the Board of Trustees Finance & Facilities Committee; and the Provost and VP for Finance.

Neal McNally asked for feedback about the current membership structure, noting that it isn't necessarily permanent, and that Pres. Tressel would entertain recommendations for change, if the Council were to recommend doing so. It was also noted that members unable to attend meetings may send an alternate to attend on their behalf.

3. A [document](#) was distributed that is based on information from the Ohio Department of Higher Education's website about State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula allocations to Ohio's public universities. While the SSI formula is highly complex and influenced by a wide variety of inputs collected from campuses statewide, Neal McNally said the most important driver of SSI dollars is student success, as measured by the number of successful course completions and degrees awarded, the data for which are reported to the state each year. This is yet another reason to make student success a top priority at YSU.
4. Mr. McNally gave a brief update on the university's plan to close the [FY 2018 scholarship deficit](#), noting that discussions with key stakeholders are ongoing. He reiterated the budgetary principle of covering the FY18 scholarship deficit with other FY18 funds, and the need to minimize the use of reserve funds.
5. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.