BUDGET, GOALS AND PLANS COMMITTEE
Annual Report 2009-2010

A. Sustainability Committee:
   • Out-going chair, Chris DeLape, aided in revising the Sustainability Committee proposal based on the concerns expressed by the Organization Committee in Spring 2009. The revised proposal was accepted by the BG&P committee.
   • The Sustainability Committee proposal, as revised, was approved by the Organization Committee on October 14, 2009. The proposal was passed unanimously by both the Executive Committee and Academic Senate on November 6, 2009
   • Proposal brought to Faculty in both November and December; the proposal was passed on December 9, 2009.

B. Budget:
   • Jackie DiStefano and Michele Halstead met with the Committee in early Spring 2010 to discuss the status of the 2009-10 budget.
   • Jackie DiStefano presented analysis of the 08-09 revenue plan versus the authorized plan as 9/14/09. Jackie, also, highlighted the drop in state support from 43% in 07-08 of total revenue to 35% in the 09-10 initial plan.
   • The 2009-10 budget reduction plan items of $6.0M was shared with the committee. The tracking of these reductions items were discussed and much is being done in both the finance office and the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. The status as of early Spring was $4.6M savings had already been achieved to date. Items being tracked by these two offices included:
     i. Monitoring of total core educational budget
     ii. Vacancy savings reporting
     iii. All funds (appropriated) summary for each VP; including funded positions
     iv. Unit responsibility
   • The Albany budget was discussed but at the time, the situation was unknown. It was assumed that New Paltz’s budget will remain flat for 2010-11 at this time but too early to tell.
   • Capital plan for 2009-2013 including the new Science building and Library renovations were discussed, as well as critical maintenance projects of $82.2M.

C. Strategic Plan
   • President Poskanzer was invited to the committee meeting in early March, 2010. The President discussed the eight vision points of the college, and shared the current set of metrics to be used for those vision points. President Poskanzer asked for the committee’s help in determine what other measures could be used in assessing our vision points. The types of information currently being collected relative to the eight areas includes graduation rates, percentage of faculty who receive tenure, number of students engaged in campus activities, number of people attending events, etc., among other information.
   • The budget committee offered its help in working to have a more formal strategic plan that would include a timeline for the achievement of goals and objectives. The
committee, also, expressed a desire to be more involved in the campus budgeting process.

- The Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act (PHEEIA) was discussed. It was recommended by a committee member that more discussions should be held publicly regarding both the merits and drawbacks of the proposed legislation as there is much confusion on this subject.

D. Counting Faculty report

- Julie Chiarito (Institutional Research) presented the third report based on the new methodology established for measuring the number of part-time/full-time faculty. (The methodology determined which part-time and full-time faculty would be consistently counted. Thus, each year the counts would be based on the same criteria and comparisons would have meaning.) The full report comparing Fall 2006 through to Fall 2009 will be posted on the BG&P Web site.

E. Budget Survey

- A proposal was made to revise the current budget survey. The proposal was unanimously approved as it was decided that the current survey does not necessarily reflect the current fiscal state of the college.
- For the budget survey, the Committee will develop some questions that will be included in the Middle States Survey. Julie will write three to five survey questions and send them to the Committee members. Those questions can refer to: (1) The alignment of the budget process with the goals of the mission and vision of the College, (2) The knowledge about the budget process that faculty and staff have, (3) Transparency, (4) The best venue to get the budget information, and (5) Participation in the department budget meetings, etc.
- The new survey will be formalized and deployed in Fall 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

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