

**The University of Rhode Island**  
**Strategic Budget & Planning Council**  
**October 25, 2011**  
**8:30 am – 10:30 am**  
**Thompson Board Room, Ballentine Hall**

**Members in Attendance:**

Chair Don DeHayes, Vice Chair Bob Weygand, Thorr Bjorn, Wendy Bucci, Trish Casey, Tom Dougan, Nancy Eaton, Steve D'Hondt, Cheryl Foster, Jeff Johnson, Patricia Morokoff, Ray Wright, Linda Barrett, Ann Morrissey

**Members Absent:**

Peter Alfonso, Abu Bakr, Bob Beagle, Faye Boudreaux Bartels, Winnie Brownell, David Coates, Ron Jordan, Ken Kermes, Scott Martin

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**Presentation:**

Update on Fall Enrollment, Retention, & Financial Aid by Dean Libutti

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting minutes from September 26, 2011 were approved as distributed.
2. Recap of enrollment data as of October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - a. A significant percentage of aid goes to Rhode Islanders despite the low tuition
  - b. The University is creating aid strategies to increase diversity
  - c. Number of incomplete apps – peers looking for ways to reach out to help them complete the application
  - d. Fall 2011 reflects 430 more out of state than Fall 2010
  - e. Fall 2008 class: Institutional reaction was to open the gates to address financial challenges. Poor retention through each year for this cohort. Lesson: compromise of quality leads to future loss on many levels.
  - f. Retention is crucial to rankings
  - g. The retention numbers are more important than the aid dollars. Colleges have become more active in providing aid.
  - h. JAA program causing in state transfers to stay at CCRI thought 60 credits
  - i. There has been a spike in CCRI's enrollment
  - j. CCRI offers 28 course sections in Shepards Building
  - k. The only true need based program is Talent Development
  - l. HUG (Historically Underrepresented Groups)
  - m. One third of in state students are Pell

- n. On diversity – students can now associate themselves with 2 or more ethnicities. Approximately 2,000 students did not specify, about 12.8%.
- 3. Linda Barrett gave an update on the perceived increase of administrative positions. Analysis of non-classified staff positions over Grade 15 during period of FY 2007 through August 2011 were examined. The results were as follows:
  - a. 10.5 positions have been added; 13.5 positions have been eliminated; 3.5 positions have been created at a lower grade; Net of 0 overall change in number of administrative positions since 2007
- 4. Patricia Morokoff: SBPC Rubric Report
  - a. Committee: Faye Bartels- Boudreaux, Cheryl Foster, Patricia Morokoff with input from Linda Barrett and Eugen Trandafir
  - b. Proposed the following process for the review and approval of projects - Proposals for new requests are submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Each proposal is assigned to a team of reviewers; the team is comprised of SBPC council members. The team reviews the project and gives an overall presentation of the project to the full council, after which the proposing VP is allowed to make additional comments on the proposal. After all proposals have been presented, the online rating rubric will be utilized to gather data. This data will be consolidated into 1) means over the five elements, 2) average maximum rating over the five elements, and 3) Frequency distribution for responses. A meeting will be held to discuss the findings. A vote will be taken, based on the High, Medium, and Low standard thirds used previously. There would be a final meeting to shape recommendations.
  - c. Chair DeHayes had a concern on the timing as it is difficult to know where the University is financially in January – March. Solution: Build in a financial meeting before the final vote.
  - d. Another question: Are the VPs OK with the timeline? May need to schedule presentation meetings well in advance
- 5. Chair DeHayes's final note on Reinvestment committee: President stated at last SBPC meeting that the Council should review the request for fund balances once the final numbers and the mid-year projections are completed. Subcommittee should come up with recommendations on this for the next SBPC meeting.

**Request for Info:**

Vice Chair Weygand requested SAT chart for the last five years.

**Next Meeting Date:**

December 11, 2011, 9:00am to 11 am; Thomson Boardroom , Ballentine Hall

Minutes by: Sunny Duerr, Graduate Assistant, Budget & Financial Planning 10/25/11