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Glendora Johnson-Cooper

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Richard Gronostajski

GUESTS:

Charles (Chip) Zukoski, Provost
Sharon Nolan-Weiss, EDAAA
Edward Fine, Chair Library and Information Technology Committee
Dean Hendrix, University Libraries
Michael Cowen, Mathematics

1. Ezra opened with a list of agenda items to be discussed after the Provost's report.
 - Paul Zarembka questioned why, one of the items, the Decanal Review Committee report did not get forwarded onto the Faculty Senate for the November meeting.
 - Ezra asked Paul to bring his question up after the Provost's report, when the Decanal Review Committee report is discussed.
2. FSEC went into executive session for the Provost's report.
3. Library and Information Technology Committee Report:
 - Ezra received an updated report just before the FSEC meeting. He will make sure the members of FSEC get this report before next week's FSEC meeting on 11/12.
 - Chairman, Edward Fine presented the committee's report.
 - Report based on two meetings and numerous emails with committee members and VPUL Austin Booth.
 - Late breaking changes have come up that the report does not reflect, they will be added in and an updated report given to Ezra.
 - Austin is concerned about:
 1. The rising cost of subscriptions, particularly mentioned was Elsevier. There is a \$200,000 gap to cover these subscriptions that could come from retirements not filling positions. We hit austerity in 2015-2016 with the strong solution-to cull journals as we did 5-7 years ago.
 2. You also need to combine the proposed continued hiring of teaching faculty who will be teaching and conducting research on different subjects and need subscriptions and resources we don't currently have access to.
 3. Interlibrary loan requires that the library expand the depth of their acquisitions in order to have material other institutions want to borrow in order to offset our faculty/student material requests from other institutions or the libraries will begin owing ILL monies to those institutions we borrow from.
 4. The total additional money needed to fill the gap given these factors would be around \$500,000 for 2015-2016.
 - A Center of Discovery was proposed to the downtown medical campus that would be staffed from 8a-9p or 12midnight with librarians able to assist residents in the evenings and medical researchers during the day. They would assist them in finding current as well as historical literature. Edward suggested to Austin that some of these librarians be trained in other languages. He gave an example of librarians being trained in Latin.
 - We have a spectacular collection at the Robert Brown Room it should not move downtown due to preservation issues.

- Special collections;
 1. Attracts many scholars worldwide.
 2. Get alumni interested special collections.
 - Information technology
 1. \$3 million to fix WiFi hubs but more is needed to fix/upgrade the network.
 2. Security breaches show a need for upgraded security measures.
 3. Underfunded faculty support. Dean Hendrix provided the number of \$7372 per faculty while Illinois and Iowa spend \$10,000 or \$11,000 per faculty. This makes a difference when trying to hire new faculty.
 - Library space freed from books now open for teaching and so forth? Mentioned the 3rd floor of Capen library.
 - Edward made a tour of the libraries and found them in bad shape. Tears in the rugs are becoming a tripping/health hazard so we have to find money for repairs to clear up, clean up, and renovate the library spaces. It is a necessity that we really have to look into. Maybe we could get money from donors but we have to get development to help us.
- Before a Q&A Ezra reported that he did receive criticism of the report because it did not include much on the second charge of the committee, Computer and Information Technology. Asked FSEC for advice on whether or not to accept the report between now and the next FSEC meeting as is or recommend to Edward that the report goes back to his committee to have them create a fuller report in regards to the Computer and Information Technology section.
- Edward commented that since there was much last minute updates that could not go into the report in regards to Information Technology he would welcome an opportunity to update his committee's report before giving it to FSEC and the Faculty Senate.
 - Peter Elkin sits on IT infrastructure group that will determine technology needs for the downtown campus and library services have been discussed and Peter questioned some of the protected health information in the Library & IT Committee's report didn't make since to him so he questioned if Edward was getting the best advice in that regard and what the libraries' responsibilities were in that regard.
 1. Dean Hendrix commented that there are architect plans to build a 5000 sq. ft. library at the downtown campus.
 - Glendora Johnson-Cooper suggested sending the report back because it didn't make since to read a report that had information missing.
 - Dean Hendrix commented on some of the changes not reflected in the report including the Elsevier negotiations. We are still trying to figure out if we have a solo subscription with Elsevier, partner with

other research institutions or stay within SUNY-wide subscription. Regardless we have to have this package because some of your research depends on it. It is currently about \$3 per article download compared to \$9 per article download without a subscription, but it is costing \$2 plus million dollars. We would like faculty senate to increase the acquisitions base budget. We will have to go through a journal review next year and cut even further than before starting with an initial review in this spring.

1. Ezra commented that with the last review, 5-7 years ago, that had already happened to him and his students.
 2. A couple other faculty members also agreed to that statement.
- Michael Cowen is concerned that a smaller portion of the report deals with IT and faculty/student needs. We used to have two committees, not sure that the IT part will get enough attention if it is partnered with the library portion. Specifically technology issues with UBLeads, email, & secure cloud. Advocating for two separate committees again.
 - Ezra-FSEC restructured the committees last year. There are indications that this restructuring did not work for the Budget Priorities Committee and may not have be working for the Library & IT Committee.
 - Mark-In the past we would get approximately \$2 million per year. We now get \$1 million over 3 years to upgrade wireless network. RFP for two vendors to build out the wireless network. We are concerned with the wired network, much of it is around 12 years old. It could be a serious problem. Level of service will erode over time. Security, we did hire an ISO who is getting up to speed. She is assessing security process.
 1. Edward what would bring us up to Big 10. How much would it cost? \$2 million per year was a good longer.
- Ezra adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by
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