

Academic Senate Budget Committee (ASBC) Draft Minutes
Meeting of March 18th, 2019

Monday 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Room 1339 FAB

Present: Richard Smith (Chair), Leela Arava, Linda Beale, Paul Beavers, Stephen Calkins, Sudip Datta, Brian Edwards, Mahendra Kavdia, Rayman Mohamed, William Volz, Heather Sandlin

Absent with Notice: Sharon Lean (Graduate Council), Charles Parrish, Kristen Chinery (AAUP-AFT)

Absent without Notice: Bryan Morrow, Dante Dixson, Santanu Mitra, Ricardo Villarosa,

Liaisons: Victoria Dallas (Policy Committee), Jasmine Coles (Student Senate), Thomas Anderson (UPT), William Decatur, VP for Finance and Business Operations, Jeffery Bolton, Assistant Vice President for Budgets, Shashwat Mishra (GEOC),

Guests: Bryan Dadey, Senior AVP Finance and Deputy CFO; Harry Wyatt, Associate Vice President for Facilities; Lou Romano, Associate Dean for the Graduate School Sokol Todi

The meeting began at 11:00am.

- I. The minutes of Jan. 28th, 2019 were approved unanimously with a voice vote.
- II. William Decatur, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations: Discussion of Board of Governors Budget Committee Documents for March 20th, 2019. (Materials should be posted soon at the following link: <http://bog.wayne.edu/meetings/index.php>)

Contingency Reserves. Members of ASBC raised questions about the Office of Business Innovation. Specifically, members wanted more details on the job descriptions and reporting lines of the staff in this office. Provost explained that this office is designed to cultivate relationships with industry. Certain deans and industry partners have expressed concerns with the length of time it takes to process a research partnership contract. The new office would have authority to negotiate contracts and coordinate with tech transfer and Office of General Counsel (OGC). A member asked if the OGC was willing to delegate authority to this office and Provost indicated that the OGC was comfortable with the arrangement and added that the new office would have dotted line reporting to OGC, OVPR and the Provost.

Towers Residential Suites. The administration proposed a \$2.15 million expansion of the Tower's Cafe to accommodate an increase in customers due to the renovation of Chatsworth. The money is currently in the fund balance for Housing. Linda Beale requested that major capital projects be presented to the Academic Senate prior to going

up for board approval. Jasmine Coles indicated that this expansion had been presented to the Student Senate and that they supported the expansion.

Lease Authorization Request. WSU will authorize the move of an existing lease for a Verizon tower from DeRoy to the new Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments.

Audited Financial Report FY2018. The BOG requires an audited financial report each year. ASBC members reviewed the report and asked questions. First, with regard to cash assets and the bond rating, the administration estimates that there is room for approximately \$150 million in additional bond capacity without a downgrade. State Hall is President Wilson's priority. Members of the committee asked about how the Corvias deal impacts the finances of the university. The deal allowed WSU to defease debt in exchange for a portion of the housing revenues of the term of the agreement. The deal is reviewed periodically with defined performance indicators. Provost said that they are a company that cares about student success. Members asked about the investment income being down, in particular the change in the fair value of derivatives. The administration needs to get a list of the derivatives. The functional classifications are from Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Capital Projects. DTE is preparing a second power line into WSU. We are two years into the conversion from the Public Lighting Department to DTE. WSU is paying \$6 million to do the building connection. WSU will be looking at consumption to monitor energy assets.

A member asked about the gift of a new Highland Park building for 8000 sq. ft. in lab space for engineering. The administration indicated that all costs to put the building into service would be borne by the donor.

The Vernor at Cass and Canfield is moving forward in negotiations with the developer.

III. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.