

Faculty Budget Priority Committee (FBPC)
Minutes
February 1, 2021

Committee members present: Laura Luehrmann (President), Brian Boyd (Vice President), Eric Bennett (FBPC Vice Chair), Tom Wischgoll (CECS), Nimisha Patel (CEHS), Ashley Hall (CoLA), Sherry Farra (CoNH), Diane Huelskamp (Lake), and Barbara Hopkins (RSCOB)

1. Approval of minutes from Jan 11

2. Enrollment trends:

Discussion included:

- WSU lost 50% freshmen over past 5 years
- Direct from High School (DHS) v. non-DHS numbers: do we have this data? Fewer 18 year olds graduating from high school in Midwest; will need to focus on non-DHS
- Question: how has retention and 6-year completion rate changed over the last 5-10 years?
- Question: what are the trends in our out of state students?
- Note that seemingly small efforts have yielded additional students: what sort of follow up on such initiatives?
- Need coordinated plan to have impactful efforts; how can faculty help with implementing enrollment management plans?

3. University Libraries' Budget: Sue Polanka (University Librarian) and Karen Wilhoit (Associate University Librarian)

Discussion included:

- 47.5% decrease in the University Libraries' budget since 2010; 42.5% reduction in Libraries' staff
- Inflation significantly impacts serial budget
- OhioLINK: ebooks, eJournals and books: critical for teaching and research needs. Libraries spend 1/3 budget on local materials; 2/3 on OhioLINK; if current trajectory continues, by FY 2032 WSU Libraries will not be able to purchase anything locally.
- Projected changes if WSU becomes 10,000 FTE student population: Libraries support all majors, disciplines and programs so purchases and holding needs remain. Reduction in student FTE not likely to reduce need for materials unless academic programs decrease; impact on staff FTE (retirements have not been replaced; reference librarians have absorbed other disciplines)
- FBPC affirmed our support of the WSU Libraries and the Libraries' staff; support need to limit further cuts which will damage educational mission

4. FBPC and Faculty Initiated Recruitment Grants (FIRP):

Discussion included:

- Extensions due to Covid-19 limitations

- Seeking committee members to assist reaching out to FIRP recipients to check status of projects and completion of final reports (one report already submitted)

5. **Meeting dates for Spring 2021:** (all 2:30-4:00) – please hold; will cancel if not needed

Feb 8 (WSU Bookstore)

Mar 8 (Mon after spring break)

Mar 15

Apr 5

Apr 12

5. **Other important spring semester dates to hold:**

Board of Trustees Finance, Audit, Infrastructure and Governance Cmte:

Feb 18 (Committee Day; 1:30-4:30pm); wright.edu/bot-stream

<https://www.wright.edu/sites/www.wright.edu/files/uploads/2021/Feb/meeting/Agenda%20Full%20Day%20-%20February%2018%2C%202021.pdf>

Mar 19 (9-11am)

Apr 29 (Committee Day; time TBD)

May 21 (9-11am)

June 18 (Budget presentation: 8:30am)