

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Budget Committee
Hofstra University Senate
Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

Present: Craig Burnett, Sabrina Sobel, Elisabeth Ploran, Gioia Ciani, Sleiman Ghorayeb, Richard Apollo, Keun Lee, Nate Rigel, Geoff Tarson, Michael Sikorski, Ling Huang, Houston Dougharty, Jean Peden, Gabrielle St. Leger, Bill Caniano, Daniel Seabold, Joe Barkwill

Meeting began at 11:15 am.

Minor edits suggested to the 10/13/2020 Minutes

Discussion with Houston Dougharty, Gabrielle St. Leger, and Jean Peden Christodoulou

V.P. Dougharty:

- Unprecedented challenges for student affairs
- All administrators are taking a furlough, working more with less
- Enforcement is important, and not typical for the office
- Close physical proximity is the norm, and moving online has been a challenge
 - o Some students are now engaged in a way that wasn't the case when it was person to person focused
- Events for students have been well-received, helping to feel normal in these abnormal times
 - o Especially tough for class of 2024, who had strange ends to high school and a strange beginning to college
- Lost two talented people in the past week
 - o Will be able to replace, though the positions come with a furlough
- At least another 1.5 years of austerity
- Staff are overworked, have not had much of a break

Associate V.P. Jean Peden Christodoulou

- Regular contact with students is often around compliance, which is not ideal
- Students have largely been compliant with rules
- Surveillance testing — aim for 5 percent, invite 7 percent, end up with around 5 percent
 - o Oftentimes students who do not respond are remote in some way
- About 4,000 students are remote in some way
 - o About 300-500 more students are likely remote but have not officially indicated that
 - o Hard to gauge how to find the informal remote students
- Compliance with COVID-19 form
 - o Sign on to WiFi
 - o Not perfect, some are at home, some don't log on
 - o Student health handles what they actually put on the survey
- Students are cycling in and out of quarantine

- Some are positive, some are negative, some are close contacts
- What is the capacity for testing?
 - Northwell seems to be able to ramp up testing if needed
- How we know how first year students are doing:
 - Reports from faculty and others who note a concern
 - Mid-semester advisories
 - Freshman indicators went up, seniors and juniors decreased
 - Alerts are up overall

Dean of Students Gabrielle St. Leger

- Student satisfaction with remote learning
 - Survey in the field from SGA
 - Data will be available soon
- Feedback of faculty usage
 - Some faculty are not using resources fully
 - Some are cutting corners, but most are making good use of technology
- Student Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Available to students to get them settled/solve problems
 - Focus has been on first year students
- CARES Team Activity
 - Uptick in faculty reporting (with thanks)
- Clubs & Organizations
 - Operating, getting creative
 - Sports clubs are bit more difficult
 - Everything has been virtual

Move to adjourn. Seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.