

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Budget Committee
Hofstra University Senate
Monday, March 15, 2021**

Present: Craig Burnett, Sleiman Ghorayeb, Sabrina Sobel, Richard Apollo, Keun Lee, Nate Rigel, Geoff Tarson, Michael Sikorski, Ling Huang, Karyn Valerius, Jacqueline Cassar, Joe Barkwill, Gioia Ciani, David Urcan, Erika Schaub, Kevin Pechin, Mercedes Jasterzenski, Karen O’Callaghan, Brian Ferris, Elisabeth Ploran, Charles Forrest

Meeting began at 1:00 pm.

Update from Joe Barkwill

- Many renovations
 - o Weller Hall is complete
 - Career Center now in Weller Hall
 - INTO also in Weller Hall
 - Increased numbers expected in Fall 2021
 - Only a one year renovation
 - o Study Rooms in Library (Floors 4-8)
 - 1 student per room, typically 3-5
 - Lounge for students as well
 - o New Science and Innovation Center
 - New home for nursing undergraduate program
 - Engineering
 - 6 or 7 new labs
- Tents will be back up at the official end of winter (March 20)
- COVID-19 numbers remain promising
 - o No new positives last week
 - o A handful in isolation
 - o Continue to battle “mask fatigue” with student ambassadors’ help
- Commencement planning
 - o Leaning toward outdoor in the stadium rather than indoors.
 - o Will be a virtual component as well
 - o Announcement coming soon
 - o May 23 Coliseum is booked — capacity needs to increase
 - o In general, capacity needs to go up for us to have an in-person ceremony
- Staff concerns with enforcement of mask mandates at the law school
 - o Students are not abiding by rules
 - o Public Safety will look into helping enforcement

Shuttle App

- Erika Schaub (Assistant Director Public Safety)
 - o Night shuttle is running now
- Brian Ferris and Kevin Pechin (IT)
 - o Demonstration of Shuttle Tracking App

- Can be a bit of a delay (30 seconds, up to 2 minutes at some points)
 - Some discussion of including the bus map with the up to date interactive map
- Mercedes Jasterzenski (SGA)
 - What happens when the shuttle goes off the route?
 - Should adjust time of arrival and report where the shuttle is
 - Shuttle seems to be an on demand service, to do drop offs back on campus
- Will Hofstra receive money from the American Rescue Plan?
 - Will follow up with V.P. Hennessy

Move to adjourn. Seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.