

Planning and Budget Meeting, Friday, 9/29/2023

Present: William Caniano, Sean Fanelli, Ling Huang, Gail Marcus, Nathan Rigel, Karyn Valerius, Kathleen Wallace (Chair), Christine Zammit (until 10:20), Tianpeng Zhou

Unable to attend: Jackie Geis, Bradley Phillippi, Holly Seirup,

Consultants: Rich Apollo, Mike Sikorski

Guest: Cynthia Langin, Senior Associate Provost for Institution Research and Strategic Analysis

The meeting convened at 10 a.m..

The committee met with with Cynthia Langin, Senior Associate Provost for Institution Research and Strategic Analysis. There was a discussion about Hofstra's peer schools, and about how to define peer schools for different purposes, and about the factors that go into measuring and comparing peer schools, at both institutional and program levels.

There was also discussion about rankings, and about other sources of rankings besides USN, WSJ and the like that may impact students' college application and selection process.

Sr. Assoc. Prov. Langin also explained her office (Institutional Research) and its organizational structure. She described two main areas: "Institutional effectiveness" (which largely focuses on external reporting) and "institutional data science and predictive analytics". In the latter function, IR partners with leadership (President, Provost, Finance, and Student Enrollment Engagement and Success (SEES) to work on enrollment projects, financial aid optimization, student pathways for retention and success, and many other operational aspects of the university. The committee inquired about MSCHE reporting and Sr. Assoc. Prov. Langin said that was Assoc. Provost Valenti's area.

Committee members asked how the University measures student outcomes and had a lively and informed discussion about that.

The Committee suggested that there needs to be better collaboration with the grants area so that grant writers and recipients are able to have the appropriate access to information for application purposes, and also for reporting outcomes, particularly to NSF. It was suggested that Hofstra draw on the expertise of its own faculty who have served in NSF (and possibly other granting agencies) to facilitate and improve the grants process.

The meeting with Sr. Assoc. Provost Langin adjourned at approximately 10:50 pm. Committee members who remained then talked briefly with SEC Chair Chris Eliot, who joined the meeting at 10:45 am and then adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Wallace