**Integrated Planning Council**

**January 22, 2020**

***Meeting Notes***

**Present:** Y. Kirby, Z. Toro, K, Peckham, G. Claffey, C. Galligan, M. Jasek, D. Dauwalder, M. Jackson, R. Barcelo, J. Melnyk, C. Casamento, S. Hazan, S. Cintorino, B. Merenstein, J. Tully, J. Jarrett

**Fiscal Year ’21 Budget Process**C. Casamento distributed budget binders to the Council members. She stated that the Executive Committee members will present their budgets to the IPC and asked the group how much time should be allotted to each presenter. After a brief discussion, Council members agreed that a four-hour meeting with a 15-minute presentation per Committee member should be sufficient. C. Casamento will work on scheduling this meeting.

**New Program, B.S. in Electrical Engineering**J. Melnyk provided background on the new program submission for a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. The ITC and Facilities Planning and Budget Committee have approved this program. In addition, the UPBC recommended moving forward with implementation pending the provision of sufficient faculty, and provided that program space would be available in the new engineering building. S. Cintorino stated that there will be ample space for this program in the new engineering building. In addition, there is an additional $8 million for equipment funds, and it will be up to the Provost and Dean to recommend how much of this to allocate to the program.

Z. Toro noted that this program is currently in high demand. While expensive, it is appealing to international students, which could help our enrollment numbers. The program could also become a foundation from which to build strong partnerships and collaborations with industries and the University (i.e.: Eversource). Lastly, the program creates new opportunities for faculty, students and fundraising initiatives. S. Cintorino noted the new solar farm initiative that he has been working on would be a great addition to this program.

A brief discussion then occurred regarding the number of faculty positions needed for this program. Z. Toro stated that the University is required to cover four areas of emphasis for accreditation purposes. D. Dauwalder replied that he would look into this requirement. He added that we currently have one faculty member dedicated to this program, and three other full-time faculty lines have been requested by the end of the program’s third year.

*Vote:* All members voted in favor of moving forward with program implementation.

**Program Modification for B.S. in Management**D. Dauwalder provided details regarding the B.S. in Management program modification. The modification is an effort to partner with Tunxis Community College and provide an opportunity for students to complete the program on Tunxis campus or online. Both TCC and CCSU students can take the courses, and this would be beneficial for TAP students as well as students with jobs and family obligations. D. Dauwalder stated that the modification will need to be approved by accrediting bodies first; however, if approved this could help our effort to form stronger partnerships with our community colleges, as well as open CCSU up to a new student demographic.

B. Merenstein then asked why this modification had not first gone through the Curriculum Committee for approval, and a brief discussion occurred. D. Dauwalder noted that there are no curriculum changes, and that the only change would be the location of the program. M. Jackson stated that CCSU does not have a residency requirement for GenEd; however, it could raise some questions if the modification is not reviewed by the Curriculum Committee first. J. Jarrett agreed and noted that location is not an issue for transfer students or international courses. Lastly, J. Melnyk reported that the UPBC did raise concern about faculty teaching courses on Tunxis campus; however, the UPBC supports this program because of its effort to create stronger partnerships with the community colleges.

D. Dauwalder stated that the program would need to be approved by the state as well as NECHE. Y. Kirby added that NECHE has a six-month approval period for programs. Therefore, the program cannot be marketed until next spring. That said, Y. Kirby will look into whether or not it would be possible to offer courses online for the upcoming fall semester.

*Vote:* 12 voted in favor; 1 voted against.

**Web Access for New Program Proposals**J. Melnyk reported that the BOR Committee on Academic and Student Affairs had recently expressed concern regarding the public accessibility to CCSU’s new program proposals. Currently, anyone who visits the IPC webpage can access these proposals. As such, the BOR Committee requested that these proposals be password protected so that only University personnel can view them.

All Council members agreed to move forward with this suggestion.

**MOU with Tunxis Community College**D. Dauwalder stated that the MOU was put on hold due to NECHE requirements, and it is not ready for approval. He then asked to table this item until the next meeting.

*The next IPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020.*