

University Planning and Budget Committee Meeting
March 21st, 2023, Microsoft Teams
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Minutes

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- 1) Announcements
 - a) General
 - i) Approval of 07 March 2023 minutes - approved
 - b) IPC
 - i) Enrollment
 - (1) Current numbers compared to this time last yr
 - (a) Undergraduate applications are up 904, with 78 more confirmed accepts for First Time, Full Time
 - (b) Transfers - 131 more applications, and 23 additional confirmations
 - (c) Grad School - 569 more apps, 26 additional confirmations
 - (2) Admitted Students Day on Saturday
 - (3) Community College recruiting across New England, up and down the East Coast, as well as Texas, Ohio and Michigan
 - ii) Funding
 - (1) State funding is still undecided and functioning at a worst-case scenario
 - (2) We anticipate positive changes
 - (3) Anticipation is that the System will be providing greater help to Western, taking funds away from the other institutions
 - iii) University Updates
 - (1) Library expansion is back on track
 - (2) Facilities is upgrading Wi-Fi across campus with 1400 replacement terminals and adding 200 more in hopes to reduce dead zones
 - iv) Misc.
 - (1) We will be hosting a Kennedy Center regional conference for the next three years
 - (2) Interim AVP Institutional Advancement should be announced in the coming days
- 2) 2. Old Business
 - a) Executive session (elected members of the committee)
 - (1) Meeting March 24th with Division heads
 - b) After the meeting, we will work in teams to draft response letters
- 3) Adjournment 2:53 PM

Special Meeting March 24th, 2023, for budget questions/deliberations

Next regular meeting April 4th, 2023, in Microsoft Teams