

**WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT (REVISED)
Academic Year 2004-2005**

Membership

Elected Teaching Faculty

Ron Kutz (A&S)

Jim Donegan (A)

Dan Goble (PS)

Vijay Nair (L/C/C)

Teaching Faculty Elected At Large

Patti Ivry

Burton Peretti

Norine Jalbert

Elected Administrative Faculty

Paul Simon

Student Government Association Representative

Catherine Ferrigno

Administration (ex officio)

Eugene Buccini

Maribeth Amyot

Lynne Clark

Walter Bernstein

Ralph Holibaugh

Summary

A total of eight (8) proposals were presented to the UPBC during the 2004-2005 Academic year, including a proposal to formalize the Roger Sherman Debate Society and give the School of Arts and Sciences budgetary oversight for the society. In addition, the University has seen the hiring of a new President and Vice President for Finance and Administration, both positions that greatly affect the planning and budget process.

Strategic and Academic Planning

President Schmotter has suggested to the UPBC that resource allocation should be inline with our planning documents, and that a primary goal over the course of the next two years (04-05 and 05-06) will be to revise and implement our strategic and academic plans.

To support the strategic planning process, President Schmotter formed the Values and Vision committee made up of representatives from all segments of the university community. Strategic and academic planning will be the next step in the process once the final report of this committee is distributed and reviewed. The University, led by the UPBC, will begin the Academic Planning process during the 2005-2006 academic year.

Budget Process

The UPBC and the office of Finance and Administration are in the process of reviewing the timetable for UPBC input into the spending plan cycle. An effort is underway to revise the current timetable as published in the Faculty Handbook to coincide more with the CSU timetable for the spending plan cycle. President Schmotter, working with VP for Finance and Administration Maribeth Amyot, presented the proposed spending plan for the 2005-2006 academic year to the UPBC at the May 2005 meeting.

Approved Proposals

Certificate Programs (2) in American History (September)

The university is collaborating with the Danbury School District, which has a Department of Education Grant for Teaching American History.

Center for Financial Forensics and Information (CFFIS) (October)

Certificate Program in Computer Science (October)

This certificate fills the need of students who possess a bachelors degree (or higher) and wish to complete a formal sequence of courses in Computer Science.

Reorganization of the Theater Arts Major with four Options (March)

(Performance, Design/Technology/Theater Arts Management, Drama Studies)

Roger Sherman Debate Society Funding (December, April)

(The UPBC recommends funding through the School of Arts and Sciences)

Other Proposals

Revision of the Foreign Language Requirement (December, April)

This proposal was tabled until the Committee on General Education has been formed and the impact on the overall General Education program has been determined.

New Master's program in Reading Certification (December)

This proposal was tabled until a revision is completed.

Recommendations of the Assessment Committee

The UPBC referred the Assessment Committee's recommendations to the Office of the Academic Vice President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Dan Goble
Chair. UPBC