

**Budget and Planning Committee
Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2019
1:40-3:00pm – Room 9.64 NB**

1. Approval of BPC minutes for 9/6/18, 9/13/2018 and 5/20/19 (attached)
2. Review of the Budget FY 2020
3. Q&A
4. Resolution to Adopt the Budget 2020
5. New Business

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Minutes
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Attendees: Karol Mason, Ned Benton, Benjamin Bierman, Avram Bornstein, Dara Byrne, Anthony Carpi, Anthony Chambers, Shu-Yuan Cheng, Brian Cortijo, Warren Eller, Adam Fane, Mark Flower, Jarret Foster, Robert Garot, Jay Gates, Katie Gentile, Ellen Hartigan, DeCarlos Hines, Karen Kaplowitz, Erica King-Toler, Mussarrat Lamia, Brian Lawton, Yi Li, Robin Merle, Michael Scaduto, Andrew Sidman, Monika Son, Katherine Stravrianopoulos, Larry Sullivan, Steve Titan, Alisse Waterston, and Alison Orlando (recorder)

Guests: Alena Ryjov

1. Approval of the Minutes from September 6, 2018, September 13, 2018, and May 20, 2019. The minutes were approved as proposed.
2. Review of the Budget FY 2020. Steve T. started by explaining that for the FY 2020 Budget the college has a projected deficit of \$8,432,291. He also spoke about changes in our financial situation from last year that will affect our ability to end with a balanced budget. These changes include the loss of the DOC contract, an increase in the labor reserve, and the loss of the one-time allocation from CUNY that the college received last year. Mark F. proceeded to go through the details of the budget by going over the document labeled "FY 2020 Budget Draft Prepared for BPC." He first referenced the letter from CUNY concerning our budget allocation for FY 2020, and explained that \$6.3 million is being set aside for the labor reserve. He moved on to talk about the revenue target, and that our revenue target has increased by \$4,000,000 to \$96,597,879. He said that this is due to a change in the methodology used to set the revenue target, however, the new methodology does not take into consideration that as tuition increases the college does not realize the full amount. Mark F. further explained that CUNY tried to address this issue by making adjustments to our base budget but these adjustments do not fully address the problem. He then moved on to speak about student tuition revenue, and that we are projecting that we will realize \$1,574,522 of revenue over the target. He added that it seems that the enrollment will be higher than initially projected, and that the added revenue will be used to address the deficit. He then spoke about other budget allocations we received above the base, and explained that our total budget allocation is \$115,435,414, which is \$3,000,000 lower than the previous year. Ben B. asked what the projected deficit means for the college. Karol M. explained that she has decided to submit the budget as is to CUNY because she wants them to understand the reality of the situation. She added that the deficit is a result of the CUNY funding model and she is hoping to keep the conversation open with CUNY about how to fix the systemic issues that are effecting John Jay. Ned B. asked if the President would come back to the BPC to vote on a revised financial plan if CUNY rejects the current one. Karol M. said that it depends on what happens but she is making the commitment that she will keep the committee informed. Mark F. then addressed the expense side of the budget. He explained that our biggest expenses are salaries with a total of \$90,628,950 and our expenditures in total are \$124,079,798. He then spoke about OTPS and explained that of our \$8.5 million OTPS budget, we have only been allocated \$6.6 million from CUNY. He said that he is going to meet with each of the Vice Presidents to talk about how to make the right adjustments to allocate the OTPS budget. Karol M. added that she is not expecting CUNY to authorize anymore of our OTPS because the amount not allocated can be used to help balance the deficit.

3. Q & A. Mark F. then opened the floor up to questions. Warren E. said that he felt it would be helpful to discuss the budget with those who are effected by the deficit, and to speak to them about the systematic nature of the deficit. Karol M. spoke to this, she explained that the current CUNY administration recognizes the systematic funding problem of the college, and she is optimistic that changes will be made for the long-term. Warren E. said that relaying this message to the faculty more broadly would help their understanding about the budget situation.
4. Resolution to Adopt the Budget 2020. There was a motion to adopt the Financial Plan for FY 2020. The motion was seconded and approved.
5. New Business. There was no new business.