

NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Minutes of September 1st, 2020 Meeting of the Budget Committee of College Council

Present: M. F. Cairol (Vice President for Administration and Finance), Renata Budny (Chair), Rosa Abreu (Secretary), Robert Leston, Anthony Sena, Hon Teo, Davis Douglas

Absent: Dennis Bakewicz, Yu Wang (Excused)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1pm. A quorum was achieved with (6) out of (8) voting members present.

II. The chair welcomed everyone back from summer break.

Current state of City Tech's budget

City Tech submitted its Financial Plan to University's Budget Office for approval. The plan included the revenue projections that College expects to receive (tuition targets and fee revenues) and identified spending for programs and operations. The plan has to be fiscally balanced; spending cannot exceed available funds.

CUNY colleges will not be provided with budgets until sometime in September.

It is forecasted that state funding for student programs will be reduced 20%.

CARES Act was distributed to students. Distribution of CARES Act funding for CUNY colleges is still under review.

2019-2020 Student fees went back to students. 2020-2021 student fees will not be returned.

CUNY colleges reduced energy expenses during Spring 2020 shutdown (\$20 million in savings) and similar savings are expected during Fall 2020 (\$26 million in savings). The savings will be distributed back to colleges.

Tuition

The senate voted for a tuition freeze.

As approved by Board of Trustees, CUNY Central will raise tuition by \$200.00. The TAP gap will continue to increase due to tuition hikes. The current unpaid TAP gap is \$85 million.

Enrollment and Registration

Due to lower enrollment projections, City Tech aggressively pursued late enrollment.

FTEs

There is still a hiring freeze even with 230 positions open due to resignations and retirements

Projects

City approved two new projects. One of them is wall in front of Atrium Building, and second is Pearl building renovations. As soon as the Pearl building is renovated, college offices will move from Midway building and from Chapel Str., providing significant savings in office space rental fees.

The facade of Academic building is being completed.

Work on the entrance to Namm building is in progress.

New boiler in the Voorhees building will be installed by mid-October.

Some bathrooms in the older buildings will be fixed.

Human Resources and Procurement

Vice Chancellor issued new HR guidelines for managers, supervisors and staff on how to manage and work remotely during COVID pandemic.

Due to retirement of public safety director for CUNY Central Office, a new director was recently hired.

CUNY's new chief of procurement comes from private sector.

PPE

There is new mandate for PPE. CUNY ordered PPE for all staff and faculty. Sanitizers are available on the hallways.

Air ventilation is getting tested, new compliant filters are being installed for everyone's safety.

Future Standing Committee meetings: 10/6; 11/10; 2/2; 3/2; 4/6

College Council meetings: 9/22; 10/20; 12/1; 2/23; 3/23; 4/27, 5/4-continuation (if needed)

College Council Organizational Meeting 5/11/2021

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm

Submitted by Rosa Abreu, Secretary, 2020/9/9