

BUDGET, GOALS AND PLANS COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2008-09

A. Budget:

- a. Jackie DiStefano and Michele Halstead (Finance and Administration) met with the BG&P Committee in Fall 2008 to present the 2008-09 budget (just at the time that the New York State budget crisis was beginning to unfold). They explained that the SUNY New Paltz reserves were not enough to cover anticipated cuts for the 2009-2010 budget year, and that the College would ultimately have to find ways to generate revenue and reduce expenses.
- b. Work + meetings: As chair of BG&P, Chris DeLape was invited, along with two other faculty governance representatives—Simin Mozayeni and Mary Kahl—to attend a number of meetings with the Cabinet and deans in preliminary discussions to develop ground rules, constraints, and criteria to guide the administration once decisions had to be made about the 2009-2010 budget.
- c. Steve Poskanzer and Jackie DiStefano were invited again to BG&P in late March 2009 to discuss the budget deficit, ideas for generating revenue, and the need for reductions.

B. Campus Master Plan:

- a. Steve Poskanzer was invited to BG&P to answer a series of questions regarding the campus master plan and future construction on campus (as well as funding for it).
- b. The BG&P Chair attended a meeting of the Campus Facilities Master Planning Task Force which was called in order to discuss the necessity and placement of a new residence hall.

C. Sustainability Committee:

- a. At an Executive Committee meeting, the president announced that he had recently signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, which required the formation of a Sustainability structure on campus. He asked that we consider whether a Sustainability Committee should be formed within faculty governance (most likely, as a standing committee of BG&P) or outside of governance.
- b. The BG&P Committee invited Brian Obach (Environmental Task Force) and Simin Mozayeni (Faculty Presiding Officer) to meetings to discuss the possibility of replacing the existing grassroots Environmental Task Force with a new Sustainability Committee, either in faculty governance or as an administrative committee.
- c. The BG&P Chair researched various types of Sustainability Committees on other campuses. She also met individually with the president, presiding officer, Brian Obach, and Brian Pine (Campus Sustainability Officer) in order to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- d. A proposal modeled after the GE Board governance structure was reviewed and discussed by the BG&P Committee, and a motion was approved recommending that a Sustainability Committee be formed as a standing committee of Budget, Goals and Plans.

- e. The proposal was sent to the Organization Committee, approved, and brought before the Academic Senate. The Senate expressed various concerns, and suggested that the current grassroots Environmental Task Force not be dissolved, but rather be allowed to coexist with the new committee.
 - f. The Sustainability Committee proposal went back to BG&P for revisions, and subsequently BG&P passed a motion to approve the revised proposal. Due to time constraints at the end of the semester, the revised proposal will be sent to the Organization Committee and Academic Senate again in Fall 2009 for reconsideration.
- D. **Campus Art Committee:** The BG&P Committee was asked by the Executive Committee to discuss the formation of a Campus Art and Aesthetics Committee. Due to the sporadic nature of that committee work, BG&P passed a motion that the Campus Art Committee should become an administrative committee appointed by the president, rather than being incorporated into faculty governance.
- E. Julie Chiarito (Institutional Research) presented the second report based on the new internal methodology established for measuring the number of part-time/full-time faculty. (The methodology determined which part-time and full-time faculty would be consistently counted. Thus, each year the counts would be based on the same criteria, and comparisons would have meaning.) The full report comparing Fall 2007 to Fall 2008 will be posted on the BG&P Web site (newpaltz.edu/budgetcommittee).
- F. **Budget Survey:**
 The survey was suspended for a year. Concerns about revising questions, and discussions regarding the efficacy of the survey will be deferred until next year.

Respectfully submitted:

Budget, Goals and Plans Committee:

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