

Committee on Priorities and Resources
Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2022

In attendance: Professor Nusrat Chowdhury; Professor Andrew Dole, chair; Professor Jill Miller; Professor Monica Ringer; Retail Dining Supervisor Peter Charron; Interim Chief Financial Officer Thomas Dwyer, *ex officio*; Provost and Dean of the Faculty Catherine Epstein, *ex officio*; Chief Human Resources Officer, Kate Harrington, *ex officio*; Interim Director of Financial Planning, Ashley Travis, *ex officio*; Assistant Director of Family Giving, Emily Ziomek; Allie Ho '24; Jaden Richards '25; Steven Hegarty, recorder

Not in attendance: Jae Yun Ham '22, *ex officio*

The meeting came to order at 8:30 am.

Proceedings

1. Continuation of the discussion with Tom and Ashley regarding the FY23 capital budget:
 - a. Review of the list of projects and current status – approved/alternate funding/deferred. Alternative funding is gift/restricted funding, either new or existing. Several projects, where possible, were deferred to meet the budget target.
 - b. Review of larger funded projects, explaining priorities and answering any questions.
 - c. Projects are approved and deferred based on budget, capacity in Facilities, and, this year, price escalation and current supply chain disruptions.
 - d. Jill asked about how the money is conceptualized, if there is a proportion for each division, and if it is tracked over time. Roughly \$7m of the overall \$10m available is allocated for IT and Facilities. Currently, IT is migrating to cloud-based services which is lowering their capital requests and increasing operating.
 - e. This capital process does not include the major projects. Ideally, over time, it will have more funding for replacement and renewal projects.
 - f. Project spending is tracked over fiscal years to the project budget. Budget include a modest contingency, which is needed in the current environment of pricing increases.
2. CPR briefly discussed Alex George's Faculty Common initiative. The idea needs research on who will use it and how, acknowledging that there is a need to create community for faculty and staff. Next step may be a survey to assess the need, noting there will be implications on budget and space. The solution may be to rebrand an existing space, such as the lounge in the CHI, or a return of Lewis-Sebring dining.
3. Consideration of two updates to the draft faculty salary report:
 - a. Data for years in rank by gender was not provided this year, Andrew will request it.
 - b. CPR was asked to read through the current report and email any language changes to Andrew. Note the areas in red text are edits for the current year.
4. CPR approved the minutes from September 28, 2021.

Adjourned 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
S Hegarty