**Planning Development & Budget Committee (PD&B)**

**Report to the University Senate**

**February 6, 2017**

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2016, with all voting members present, the PD&B committee discussed several pending items.

* ***BFA in Dance* (**program proposed by the Music Dance & Theater Department): Dr. Min Kim, MDT chair, was present for this portion of the meeting to help the committee understand the implications of the MDT partnership with Joffrey Ballet School. The committee was favorably impressed with the potential for NJCU’s students to benefit from Joffrey’s reputation, facilities, and New York City connections, as well as the recruitment pipeline for Joffrey’s enrolled students to pursue a BFA degree at NJCU. The committee noted that the proposal contains no enrollment or budget projections, however, and is silent about the revenue- and cost-sharing aspects of the partnership. Dr. Kim indicated that these issues will be resolved at a higher level. Nevertheless, the committee is unable to approve the proposal in its current form, and will await resubmission with the required financials.

* ***Task Force Final Report on the Feasibility of Academic Restructuring at NJCU***: The Task Force recommends establishing a new College of Science and Health, to include the STEM departments (Biology, Chemistry, Computer, Earth and Environmental, Mathematics, and Physics), plus Health Science and Nursing. The Task Force presents a persuasive SWOT analysis and an effective comparison with the academic structures at seven selected NJ universities. However, the proposal does not address the incremental revenue capacity, if any, and the incremental costs associated with the proposed restructuring. In the absence of an opportunity to review the financials, PD&B is unable to endorse the proposal at this time.
* ***Review of the* *June 30th, 2016 and 2015 Financial Report of NJCU:*** A more extensive review, based on Dr. Riotto’s December 1 clarification of our original charge, will be held over to the spring semester. Specifically, we are charged to present

1) Significant items from the income statement and balance sheet that reflect budget vs actuals for A) AY 2015-2016;  B) AY 2016-2017; and C) Identification of variances in excess of 10% with explanations;  
2) Reserves, restrictive and unrestrictive;

3) Additional information deemed appropriate.

The committee will meet within the next two weeks to review the following program proposals:

* Biology Department               ***BS with Concentration in environmental and***

***Organismal Biology***(received 12/13/2016)

* Biology Department ***BS with Concentration in Molecular and***

***Cellular Biology*** (received 12/13/2016)

* Philosophy and Religion       ***Minor in Ethics*** (received 1/27/2017)

Respectfully submitted,

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