Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Student Budget Committee
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., University Centre, Level 4, Room 424

Ateendees: Brenda Whiteside; Ryan Shoot; Christopher Callaghan; Rocky Narang; Patrice Bigaignon; Nathan Lehotsky; Hasham Farag; Nebojsa Hrnjez; Christy Barnes; Brandan McDougall; and Alexandra Bogoslowski. **Regrets:** Jack Wang; Madeline Decorso; Tori Bellwood; and Deluchini Sivagnanasuntharam.

Meeting Notes

1. Review Meeting Notes:
No amendments to the previous meeting notes.

2. Rumors:
The Committee asked about the following rumors:
   a) Is it true that there are an increasing number of Ontario graduates leaving the Province for work?
   b) Why are fees different for students enrolled in different programs?
   c) Is it true that students don't have to pay OSAP back until they begin making a salary of $25,000.00 or more?
   d) Is it true that the Accounting program will only hire faculty with a PhD?
The above questions will be answered at the next meeting.

Presentation(s)

3. Government Issues: Tuition, Enrollment Planning, and the Funding Framework:
Presentation Attached.
During the presentation the following questions and answers occurred:
   a) **What is the goal of the University of Guelph?**
       To be a strong comprehensive university with the following 4 main pillars: Engineering; Ontario Veterinary College; Ontario Agricultural College and Life Science. Additionally, to increase the reputation of the institution as a whole.
   b) **Could the College of Business and Economics become a foundation pillar?**
       The College of Business and Economics is more an overarching program that could impact each degree and provide each student with the ability to develop business skills.

   c) **Is it anticipated that corridor funding would limit growth?**
       Not necessarily. Growth will become more strategic and possibly provide students with more pathways to complete a degree. Some areas/institutions will be permitted to negotiate growth in target areas. Economic trends will also influence what programs are identified as target areas.
   d) **Is the Ministry's goal to keep students in the education system longer?**
       No. The Ministry would prefer undergraduate students to be career ready and employed after graduation.
   e) **How is Ryerson proposing its development of a new Law School?**
       Likely through its targeted growth and its Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA).
   f) **Would the University expand the Human Anatomy program?**
       Rather than Human Anatomy being part of targeted growth, it would fall under our differentiation agenda as the University of Guelph is the only non-medical institution that provides the opportunity.

g) **How can this information be shared with students?**

> The group agreed to develop a communication designed for students that focused on the following:
> - Information about the funding formula
> - How the University wants to grow and how funds are allocated within the budget.
> - Demonstrate how tuition is allocated and how much additional funding is necessary to operate.

> C. Yates agreed to draft a communication for the Committee to review, revise, and disseminate to students.

Action C. Yates: Draft a communication for the Student Budget Committee to review, revise, and disseminate to students.

Items for the Report

4. Comments, questions, concerns, and/or recommendations for the report:

- Need to continue to find ways to present budget info to students that is clear but presents the big picture and complexity.
- Concern regarding move to the corridor system. Not clear of impacts. Rising cut-offs in areas not allowed to grow? Increasing involvement of province in determining our programs, and pressure to move students to STEM programs.

Future Meetings

5. Identify Future Presentations:

- Metrics
- Grants - research and corporation

As there was not additional time, the meeting concluded.

Meeting Schedule
1. Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner) – Tuition and financial aid
2. Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)
3. Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in UC424 (Treats)