

University Senate Budget Committee  
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Minutes  
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**Present:** Robert Bird, Lisa Park Boush, Anne Langley, Eleni Coundouriotis, Reka Wrynn, Stephen Marchillo, Jeffrey Gagnon, Elena Dormidontova

**Guests:** Nathan Fuerst, Jeremy Campbell

Our first agenda item was a discussion of undergraduate enrollments with a presentation from Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Enrollment Planning & Management, and with Jeremy Campbell, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, in attendance.

1. Undergraduate population

- Approximately 24,000 undergraduates last year across the university
- Bringing in approximately 4,100 first year students this fall
- Applications total 48,000 this year, an increase from 43,000 last year; majority of growth from student population outside the state

2. Program sizes

- Some programs have grown (e.g. computer science, nursing) while others have been stable

3. Initiatives related to enrollment

- Pursuing global marketing initiatives to recruit students in countries such as India, Vietnam, and Latin American countries
- Potential for domestic applicant growth lies with out of state applications; in-state applicants still valued

4. Transfer students

- Slow decline in transfer students due to changing demographics
- Working on improving process to attract transfer students and transfer student credits

5. Scholarships

- Full scholarships are given for valedictorian and salutatorians
- Scholarships for international students significantly increase response rate

Our second agenda item was a discussion of the library and research access, and a presentation by Anne Langley, Dean of the UConn Library.

1. Strategic Planning & Budget

- In 2020, Library conducted 'Future of Journals' project which sought feedback from faculty across the university; discussions related to publishing, open access, and scholarly communications
- In year 3 of a five year project to realize budget cuts from earlier fiscal years
- Responding to budget limitations while maintaining services

2. Galaxy Scholar

- method for rapid acquisition of scholarship; substitution for expensive publisher contracts
- most searches filled in less than an hour

### 3. Contacts

- Contracts with Elsevier and some other publishers being phased out
- Galaxy Scholar provides substitute for missing access
- Key question try to answer is to ensure library is purchasing what users actually use