Joint Meeting: SPS – FPS Meeting
Minutes
June 20, 2012

Present: James Llana (SPS Chair), Robert Pignatello (FPS Chair), Jane Bowers, Thomas Kucharski, Virginia Moreno, Karen Kaplowitz, Carina Quintian, Ricardo Anzaldua, Pat Ketterer, Richard Saulnier, Warren Benton, Kinya Chandler, Jay Hamilton (Left Early), Mariani Mewengkang (Recorder)
Absent: Staci Strobl, Francis Sheehan, Harold Sullivan, Anna Singh, Maki Haberfeld, Gina Galligan

At 2:37 p.m., Jim called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes for May 23, 2012. Minutes were approved as proposed.

2. Discussion of FY2013 Budget. Rob led the discussion of the draft financial Plan & Compact Funding. While no firm deadline for the Financial Plan has been set, it will most likely be due sometime in late July or early August, which is much earlier than normal. Because of this, finalization of these plans should be done at the next meeting. Rob discussed the “FY2013 Compact Allocation.” (Chart is attached). He has not received much information regarding the allocations towards Financial Aid, but it is important to note that $268,000 must be budgeted for Financial Aid. In terms of “Self-Financing Components,” it was noted that the Philanthropy Target is rather low compared to other senior colleges. The target is set at $348,000, but John Jay has exceeded those expectations. Another $376,000 must be allocated towards Restructuring/Efficiency. Ned asked whether or not the Philanthropy and Restructuring money would disappear if John Jay does nothing. Rob responded that while that is not the case—the money is real—money received as gifts often is dedicated to specific purposes. It is legitimate, however, to ask about savings from efficiencies and restructuring. Richard then discussed the enrollment targets: “Nothing is off target.” Registration is about the same, graduate applications are up, but graduate enrollment so far is down, and much of our transfer population is made up of students from the Justice Academy. Other than the lowered numbers of graduate students, Richard feels that we are doing okay, “we are at, or ahead of last year’s numbers.” The University is also encouraging John Jay to shrink the number of SEEK students we enroll.

3. Discussion of Spending Recommendations. Rob again led the discussion on what the new investments should be. The University has suggested five “Areas of Investment” that John Jay should look into. Rob then asked the committee to look at the “Summary of Investment Proposals/Requests” chart. (Chart attached). Ned requested information which would identify the changes that occurred between FY2012 and FY2013. Pat agreed to send Ned this information. (Ins and Outs Chart).
Rob mentioned that some of the spending must go towards the conversion of College Assistants. The conversion is to happen over a period of two years. Spending must also go towards the hiring of new faculty. Plans to hire 20 new faculty members already existed, but according to the Compact chart, the University is encouraging hiring 18 new faculty members. Karen questioned whether or not the 18 recommended hires will be included as part of the 20 hires originally planned, or if they are separate. That would be part of our discussions but the cost of 18 additional faculty would add to the “deficit” relative to spending proposals already on the table. Tom then brought up the importance of faculty retention. He is also concerned about
the adjunct budget. He stated that although enrollment keeps increasing, the adjunct budget has been stagnant. Pat explained that it is hard to predict what the adjunct budget will be. (this topic remains unresolved) It was also noted that the Compact only gives out money, not lines. Discussion was also had about whether faculty hiring is keeping up with enrollment. As enrollment grows, so should the growth of faculty. Ned also expressed his concern about the new lines not being included in the projections. He also wishes to be included in discussions regarding new lines. Pat then told the committee that John Jay had already pre-spent some money. As a result, John Jay now has $1.4 million, rather than $2.6 million. Kim further explained the situation. Due to the fact John Jay did not do a balanced budget, money had to be pre-spent to cover deficits. Jim asked the committee how to identify the priorities. The committee agreed to save conversations regarding FY2014, and FY2015 for a later time, and instead focus on FY2013. Positions such as the Director of Media, Crime and Justice, and the Director of International Partnerships/Programs are among two positions that have been recommended for consideration during FY2014 or FY2015. Ned asked to see a funding model as he is concerned about how money is being allocated. Rob told him that money was allocated based on what the needs were for each Vice President. Karen mentioned her concern over the budget allocated to Student Affairs. She says the numbers seem low, especially considering John Jay is trying to increase the number of Veteran enrollments. As the meeting was coming to an end, Jim asked the committee for formal recommendations to be discussed at the next meeting. The next meeting should happen as soon as possible, since the BPC will be meeting on July 25, 2012.

Jim will send the committee possible dates for the next meeting.

Meeting ended at 4:01p.m.