

Name of Classified Senate Committee Representative Greg Knittel
Name of Committee(s) IPBT
Date(s) of Meeting(s) Reported...11/15/11

Please provide a summary of the meeting(s). Possible topics to consider (it's up to you what you choose to include): meeting highlights, committee goals, projections, concerns, and how these apply to classified staff.

We all met in assigned groups today to discuss questions to pose to the deans of each department. We will be having full day sessions with the deans this Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18th. We discussed how we can meet a state proposed 6 % reduction to our programs. We looked at data that illustrates that cutting classes and sections will cost the district more money than it saves. The program I am assigned is the PE department. One of their proposals, for example, is to cut 2 sections of outdoor cycling, which impact 60 students, save the school 6,300 in FTEF, but due to loss of apportionment of 4,564 dollars per FTES, it will cost the school 18,261 dollars. So we discussed the fact that class cutting is not a viable complete solution. My own part is to prepare questions for the PE department, and some of the concerns my group discussed were issues such as does the district need two football teams? How will the PE department prioritize possible program cuts? What is the most expensive program for PE? If we lost a program, such as football, baseball, or massage therapy, what impact will that have upon our college? I'm thinking of asking something along the lines of, out of all of our PE programs, which one would the community feel the most strongly in favor of saving? If we had to cut one program, which one would PE suggest? How will that impact the mission of our college? What impact will these cuts have upon transfer rates, student success rates in other classes, as well as the impact upon under represented students?

The PE department is stating currently that they are going to have the soccer program run only by part time faculty, which will save the school 80,000 in faculty salary. But I don't see how they can run their program without a full time faculty person? The possible cuts currently don't appear to me to have an impact upon classified. There has been no discussion of losing IA positions in the PE area. Last year at this time, I'd have to say that classified cuts and loss of IA positions were a main focus of discussion in IPBT. The future remains uncertain and I am worried about classified positions, but I have not seen any classified cuts proposed in the PE departments current program reviews or budget reduction scenarios. I am not able to attend the classified senate meeting this Thursday due to the IPBT meetings scheduled this week.

Sincerely
Greg Knittel