

CAS Finance and Operations Meeting
June 9, 2016

Student success initiative (W. Andrew Marcus)

CAS has been collecting information on advising and student success in the units. In the future, there will be more coordination of these initiatives from the VP for Undergraduate Studies office.

Tykeson College and Careers building update (W. Andrew Marcus)

The College and Careers building will focus on the liberal arts being the path to lifelong success. The building will integrate the Career Center, advising services, and first-year writing and math courses. There will be general education pods focused around particular interests (for example, global health) academic and career advising in the same location. We expect the building to be unique in the nation in terms of programming and integrated services.

Staff will have the opportunity to participate in focus groups. We expect to break ground in about one year, and open the building during Winter 2019.

Other notes and responses to questions:

- Final decisions have not been made about which advising will move to the new building. Programs that provide cross-department advising will likely be moved to the new building (mostly in the humanities and social sciences), while some of the science-based ones may remain in place. If department advisors have other duties as well, we will have those discussions before they are moved.
- We may have a need for a supervising/coordinating advisor.
- Suggestion to coordinate advising with local community colleges.
- Peer advising will stay in the departments.

Andrew will come to another meeting over the summer.

Diversity initiatives (Miriam, Pauline)

Pauline Miller is serving on the UO Diversity Committee and will be the CAS point of contact for our own diversity initiatives. Pauline will send two emails soon: one with a survey on department diversity, equity, and inclusion practices; and one about implicit bias training (CAS will require all search committee members to participate in implicit bias training for every search).

Year-end carryforward process (Sherri)

There will not be the usual carryforward process this year. BRP would like to put all carryforward into the 9B accounts on their respective FOPAL strings. Sherri asked whether managers would like her to ask for permission for CAS units to keep all carryforward in its existing year-end FOPAL strings instead. This would require cleanup of negative account balances prior to the fiscal year end. The consensus was that we prefer carryforward be placed in the 9B accounts. CAS will ask units to tell us where they want their carryforwards, and we will do a mass budget upload to post in period 2. This will allow us to be more deliberate in our budget planning and save some work for managers.

CASweb discussion

We tried out a new format for our meeting: taking 15 minutes for managers to discuss a topic and share ideas in small groups and then share with the large group. Today we talked about CASweb.

Suggestions for further development included:

- Uniform naming conventions so alphabetical lists are easier to navigate
- Keep the CASweb financial report
- Keep Related Content
- Review period for new/updated content
- Add a feedback link (this is in the works now)
- Breadcrumbs for easier navigation
- Better categorization of content types (forms, documents, etc.).