

Engineers need new technology

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Find excess spending. Make the necessary cuts. Increase the quality of the education.

University administrators made this proposal to every campus in order to save \$1.3 million in a three year period.

This plan fits perfectly with the plan made by Guatam Ray, director of the school of science engineering technology,

to improve his program.

Ray has kept empty positions vacant since he came to Penn State Harrisburg last year so that he could fill them with people who can offer students knowledge of new technologies.

"I didn't want to fill the positions to just to get them filled," Ray said. "I want to assess important areas of technology and recruit to fill those positions."

It is important to see what's not

working and replace it with something better, Ray said.

New technologies cost money, of course. Ray hopes to get a considerable amount of money back in the form of so-called enhancement funds.

Programs are asked to reevaluate spending and make cutbacks. After the cuts are made, programs will get back so-called enhancement funds.

These funds should be used to augment programs that show the most promise.

These enhancements could range from two to 10 percent of what the department gave up.

It's possible that a department could get more in so-called enhancements than it gave up originally.

Ray hopes to have this happen for his already lean program.

Budget cuts this year have resulted only in an increase in class size, so far.

But Ray said that classes should have gotten larger anyway.

Students suggest fundraisers

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Attendance at the Student's Strategic Planning Open Meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 in the Gallery Lounge was sparse, but the ideas and recommendations from the students were abundant.

Headed by Dr. Ernest K. Dishner, associate provost and dean of faculty, and Dr. Jerry South, associate provost for administrative operations, the meeting

began promptly at 4 p.m. and ran until 5:30.

Dishner began the meeting by explaining Dr. Leventhal's proposed budget adjustments for the college. "These are permanent budget adjustments--not temporary as in the past. This year we have been mandated to decrease our budget by 3 percent," he said.

Rich Howarth, a senior in communications, suggested that the college "farm out" its radio and video

facilities in a collaborative effort to let the community use our technological equipment.

He also suggested salary caps for faculty and staff.

Another participant recommended renting office space in the Eastgate center.

Disher said that the administration is still exploring ways to expand the college's summer programs. "Summer is a time when we can generate income for the campus," he said.


When questioned regarding Provost Leventhal's absence, Dishner replied that Leventhal would rather have the comments and ideas come to her through Dishner and South.

She was concerned that people would see her presence as a defense of her plan, which was not the goal of the meetings.

When asked about the poor student response to the meetings, South said, "It's not the number of contributions that are made, but rather the quality (of ideas contributed)."

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