

**REMARKS FROM CHRISTINE SETLOW, REPRESENTATIVE
FROM CITY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON PHIL MENDELSON
AND FROM CHAIRPERSON MENDELSON TO THE FACULTY
SENATE, UDC**

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Christine Setlow: Mendelson is working on the budget for the city, hoping to come to campus

Some concerns about what the council sees as a direction for UDC
The Flagship and the CC should be both in DC peacefully co-exist
problem - sense of Flagship battling the CC; as the budget stands- 21.1 million dollars for the CC; whole university 66 million; request for 2.4 million for enhancements-considering requested; Chairman needs help with that--in order for council to provide to the university -they have to defund something else--another program needs to be defunded--self-generating revenue to meet the needs of UDC; with that we know that 2.4 is needed for accreditation, library, law school; 6 board of trustees are up for re-nomination--asked for all six to be reappointed--will keep Webster apprised of that - June 25 set up

Garrett: thank you for coming--would express thanks for coming--would like to lay rest in council's mind--we view university as system that require all parts to work together--in which see ourselves - we are hoping internal squabbles are not impacting each other--internal units with various aspects--addressing questions regarding right icing--future of the university; 98 million dollars taken away from us; the CC had to operate in a facility separate from the rest of the system--curious as to why 98 million was taken away from our budget

Setlow: overall operating budget coming from DC government--not from feds--the 98 million was cut from capital budget --used for student center

Harris: cut came from Mayor--City Council asking--he chose to repair elementary and middle schools--there was a debt cap--the chair has inquired about that--trying to find out what else will be scaled back--majority being cut in out years like 2018 2019 --that can be put back.

Setlow: In terms of money--we allocate money what happens with that money is up to you

Webster: impact of funding status on upcoming accreditation--one of the major concerns of middle states was funding level at that time was not

adequate for that it was trying to provide--since then we have split and even with the funding we had at that time was used for upstart of CC--we now have flat budget and trying to support community college--our concerns--middle states concerns--continuing of felt budget impact on accreditation

Setlow: council members are aware of it--twofold concern:

1) the council is concerned about how money being spent--not being efficiently spent--at admin level not at faculty level--money not being as it needs to be spent--that was the purpose of right-sizing committee--asking for admin to meet halfway--they are questioning how the money being spent here--hoping that Lyons can help bring to university afloat

2) generally overall an council that is trying to be fiscally conservative--trying to keep a balanced budget--trying to look in a balanced way at how they can

Mahmoud: there was no budget for UDC for this year--no money for faculty development, travel, equipment, or research--that by itself is a deficit on our efforts to improve our university

Setlow: will clearly affect our report we will need to make for our accreditation, don't know how long the council will keep hold on budget, really affect our accreditation, you cannot go a full and provide nothing did pass a 98 million supplemental budget in 2008--not all money spent--been tied up--they allowed 9.8 million money released for right-sizing for faculty that was cut, majority for IT, library supplies, law school library for accreditation standards--need a financial plan to meet all the needs needed for accreditation from university--council concerned that admin does not have clear plan as to what's needed for students

Mahmoud:--faculty being held hostage by admin appointed by board appointed by the major

Paul Bachman: one of the ways in handling this would be emergency legislation to change budget process to deal with top spending money--council has to do something--you have a capital budget--instead of just having another budget--you have an admin budget and an academic budget--66% spent on admin cost--only 33% percent on classrooms

have 1300 employees--with 174 faculty

the Council has to insist on corrected bifurcated tuition system should have brought back CC to Van Ness and renovate for smart classrooms -that's what the students want; not utilizing facilities to bring students for summer school, admin still drawing salaries; don't need a dormitory, smartest idea--want classrooms fixed, full summer term

Turpin: we need to see you talk to us

Setlow: door is always open--the Councilman is busy
my responsibilities are UDC and education in the larger city--what happens
at charter schools k-12 affects you--must fix that piece--my door is always
there. csetlow@dccouncil.us

Harris: we have students who want to meet

Setlow: 202-724-4865-direct number--my entire goal--goal was to make
sure UDC got attention --why its not in general education--believes in UDC
- in all their programs--what he wants to do is to find a way to bring more to
students--to slim down--so its not all admin on top with faculty on bottom.
There is a lot of pork that needs to be trimmed but needs to be cautious--we
don't want to become executive--balance of separation of powers--don't want
to encroach

Webster--she responds quickly

Brittain: does the process involve developing a line item for its separate
line in budget process? There is a separate line within budget for UDC
separating from other school budget.

Setlow: a timeline and plan developed to make the community college
separate--its own independence in terms of academic support--more feasible
for admissions and financial aid -not calling for complete separation but
maybe their needs to be a separate office, asking for plan of expectations,
things that can be shared, what needs to be separated.

On PR Harris: the lease was not signed by City Council--signed by Mayor--
we were shocked--things brought up--dealing with CC--locations,, called for
closing to Backus and Harris be closed--but outcry from public so pulled
back--don't want to alienate students--a great need for community college

Khatri: been to City Council hearings many times--made recommendations
for separate admin/academic budget to city council--never happens--what
has happened--former president promised for double structure--CC--
president last week--said mayor has priorities--but we have a charter--
created by congress, city council--comprehensive college

Talked to Michele Brown Councilperson--that the UDC budget--gave the
numbers for flagship, law school, should be separation of budget -call for
transparency--according for BOT--executive cost 316% higher--Council
should be showing where the cuts are for executive; have 5800 students with
more admin than at UMD. Does the City Council ever hear about positive
things about UDC? We don't. On more than 4 occasions UDC has a record
of closing gaps in remedial math education--we have testified to city
council--why isn't that advertised ? UDC has almost a perfection retention
rate but we don't hear of it--the Faculty Senate must be besides admin in this

process--City Council needs to appoint a faculty member to BOT to they can listen to their concerns--

Setlow: the BOT is not happy with us--we want four members from community college to serve on BOT--something I can take back with me--members will sunset in 2017

Berry: in view of the undisputed needs to improve public schools, services for infants and toddlers, my question is does the councilman see teacher education at UDC-education program--as a priority?

Setlow: sees this as a priority--his daughter attends PPS-one question we have asked--many programs can do a five-year program--that was never confirmed for us--?

Berry: why are we deferring teachers for another year? when those decisions are made the research must be looked at carefully

Viehe: seen institutions rebuilt in Russia and around the world--we need to build a world-class institution--don't think CC is a good idea--cost to the city--all that activity was done in various colleges-added cost with CC--the CC isn't much more than extension of UDC--still in public school mode--would like to see students with juniors and seniors--helps them prosper--the other issue is 801 is a dangerous building--wrote letter to General Counsel--to Sessoms--was pushed under--if you have bombers--6-700 people killed instantly-

Setlow: can you provide that letter for me?

Viehe: I can--don't know how this building passed inspection

Johnny Lanon: former professor-former asst to president--concerned with relying on troublesome data--the appropriations for UDC was not in line with appropriations of other universities--data and judgment founded by outside group with no knowledge of the university, its history the question the chair has to consider--is it reliable to consider reducing appropriations based on what other states contribute? No. you have appropriated and non-appropriated funds--are you aware of the fact that states have control over non-appropriated funds to reduce or increase as needs come?

Setlow: had not looked at that

Lanon: you should--discussed closing that gap, raising money--those who put together that report do not know enough about high education--on CC--there was a report developed in 1989--look at that report carefully--what's

being proposed as a CC should not be a separate component--when you think about location--students need to get out of their element--student life is very important to development of students

Setlow: the BOT had voted to close Harris and Backus but 143 students showed up and the BOT had to reassess its vote with a separate hearing

Setlow: is the issue is the existence of the CC or a separate facility? Some people feel that there should be a separate place--that it should have a separate accreditation

Pradeep: aught in 3 countries--what I observed here--in order to be a civil engineer--need a license--fixed process--students at UDC not well prepared--easier to teach in MD--but the value at dc--we take them guide and they pass--we give the value here--we promise them--if he wants to be an engineer we make that happen--one student at a time

Mahmoud: they need to invest in research--in order to do that we to have an infrastructure

Setlow: when it comes to mayors capital budget structure we don't have control over that--we can influence but we can't control what the mayor prioritizes--plus the UDC process budget process which is not transparent--asked Lyons to be extremely transparent--to develop a budget transparency protocol--

Mahmoud:--we are competing with other regional universities--GMU built on students leaving here--half the university going to GMU--we have those quality people--give us tools so we can compete

Jackson: I am foreign languages--all of whom who were eliminated--Noel Levitz report was flawed--FS will provide you with details on that information--middle states--with foreign languages being wiped out--concerns with oversight for teach out for students--concerned with quality--in fixing public school system--we have 20-30 students ready to teach Spanish--but in terms of budget--there is problem with budget--we have majors who have been trained--but we need money to bring that in--we have the master of teaching--you need one or two people in foreign languages--I'm willing to come--we could start program in the fall--could attract lot of people in region and the US

We have national standards in foreign languages but also abroad--national security problem--our programs in French and Spanish reorganized to address that issue--our students at UDC being suppressed to hold them back

to beginning/intermediate level--no one left to rebuild--the provost proposed building but he is not qualified--programs are developed at faculty level--problems with oversight in programs--national security issue--with students who are coming out of high school ready for advanced levels of languages being told to stay at low language levels--missing out on grants--dean told Jackson--going to staff language programs with adjuncts--not permanent faculty--can't apply for grants with adjuncts--grant opportunities coming white house--programs eliminated

in terms of recruitment, retention, budget, we can do that--this is an international city

Harris: at the CC the labs that are supposed to be there do not exist--restricting students--Backus, Harris campuses--inaccurate information about students--city council seems to not care--you are putting 801 in with the other campus--used to have resources for mentoring with the BOT--used to seeing BOT who bring in money--those who oversee us don't bring in money--if BOT members can't bring in money--should not be considered for reappointment--students don't hold city council and mayor accountable

We are told we must produce without teaching assistants, a support system, and money for student for work-study is not sufficient
students do not have access to tag program if they go to UDC
many of our students are not traditional students--losing students because they cannot afford it
the mayor wants hi tech majors but without support can't complete it--black and brown students can't afford to go to UDC because of lack of support
the faculty is not lazy--
general council farms out many items to outside firms--you all allow them to do that

you still confirm these BOT members
workforce development--more opportunity for people to get money without being accountable--which is why community college is being

Dr. Mohammed El Helu-Environmental Sciences: list of bonuses given to administrators--yet faculty have not gotten step increases or colas

Setlow--we do have a list because we asked, yes

Helu--75000 for each semester--no step increases or colas for at least five years

Virginia Howard--glad you are here--at one time we had a faculty member

on the BOT -I was that member--because of retaliation we were taken off the board in 1989
even at Howard you had a faculty member on BOT
in terms of administration--decisions being made on the top--

Mendelsohn came into the room at 3:42

Virginia Howard to Mendelsohn: administration issues--overload of admin--unilateral decisions being made--one being dept of education--at one time 3 members were not qualified to teach in the urban teaching center--don't receive professional respect from admin--still seeing educational program being attacked--the admin was told to allow students into education by BOT but admin refuses to release moratorium

on students: students receiving much hostility from administrators--that the admin does not care

faculty does not get funds to travel for conferences

evaluations: unfairness regarding evaluations, not professional, cronyism, appointment letters not sent out in a timely fashion, had to get the letter by going to the union

Mendelsohn: on tuition question

Bachman: Sessoms raising 100% will not raise funds--he did that to students--information sent down to you--by their own admission--lost money--the bifurcated system does not work--some belief that if you charge MD or VA people you are subsidizing people when it's not true--you are selling more seats--he increased admin cost--cut down on generating aspects--you are now spending 67% on admin--could reduce cost of student by cutting down on a DMI

every time you add a building to UDC you have to give us 2.25 square foot for maintenance

students who have been there--the consistent they wanted is to add value in their life--not in student center--students never asked for it--we want the council to what they can to get this money out of admin structure--into academic structure--emergency legislation--fenced academic budget separate from admin

Moore: Setlow informed us you are in support of a university system

Mendelsohn: debate about whether to separate or keep in university--makes sense to stay within university with separate accreditation

not new to council but chaired judiciary committee--new to UDC--would like to think because of that I'm not carrying baggage--who screwed who--my view is lets' try to work together--make sure the flagship isn't getting undercut--the issue isn't about not enough resources--it's how they are being used--put language in report--certain things have to happen for accreditation--resisted more independent

Webster: 1) around May 3 we had visitors from middle states here for fact-finding--one major concern they have--was about budget--as before in previous visit regarding insufficient funding for functioning

we have a planned visit and now that we have community college and flat budget many of us are very concern with what is really going to happen to us with this flat budget--some proposed cuts are for capital fund part--even terms of re-approval of accreditation status--important for me to say because you saying UDC is new to you--do you have influence in emphasizing to council members on budget needs?

Mendelsohn: council tends to be budget oriented
concerns that UDC is not spending its money well

Lyons asked for 4 million dollars--not sure if that's for accreditation or whether that's because the word is out--not going to consider without careful study--value in keeping pressure on admin to properly account for money

Webster: with this past academic year - students behind 8 ball with funds being cut--campus basics in services, supplies not being provided because budget is held--lab fees already paid by students

Mendelsohn: I agree-shouldn't have that problem--don't know why--could be agency not releasing money or admin not asking for proper funds--there's no question that because fiscal year is October 1; that's a problem for UDC--budget autonomy would help us--some uncertainty on legality of passed law--be a couple of years before we fix that

Mahmoud: accreditation is not just getting money--we have to have the long term in mind--university not providing a penny for conferences, research, essential for faculty development--lot of things being put on hold, essentials needed for research, aged computers--none replaced with Sessoms; we are not the ones who administer money

Mendelsohn: Lyons testified that investment funds would be committed, funding; when the control board came in couldn't get toilet paper

Mahmoud: research is a business that can bring in money

Mendelsohn: don't look to city council because we are not going to micromanage

Khatri: we have shared governance on paper--but at UDC we have no checks and balances-admin does as it wishes
what you can do is put a faculty person on the board
the president can appoint a faculty rep to look at the budget before city council submission--if you can have sharing of power at every level might solve many problems

Viehe: never had a City Council person take such an interest in talking to us--don't think CC as a separate entity is a good idea--we were doing many of the duties in colleges before CC came into being--students coming in see it as extension of high school experience--does not help them--they need to be exposed to juniors and seniors--not against AA degrees--but from economic point of view it makes not sense--I like idea of having education in other parts of the city
but 801 is a dangerous building--sent a letter to president that was ignored--construction is a disaster waiting to happen
Harris and Backus buildings are fine--801 could be leased back to others as office

Mendelsohn: hard to break the lease

Viehe: admin structure is disastrous--1300 people in admin 174 faculty--the ratio

Bachman: exceeded personnel ceiling, and salary ceiling, provost making 197000, general council making more than national treasurer

Mendelsohn: there is context--this is the district

Bachman: but these are extremes

Mendelsohn: we have quite a few admin in the govt making money

the budget mayor sent had a slight increase and we didn't object

Webster: would like to thank the chair for coming out--the president is now in the room

Mendelsohn: the faculty is an important part of the institution--me as the Chair of oversight--the issues are complex--in order to understand them I have come out and answer questions--I suspect if I'm not here--why is the Council is doing that--those questions have to be answered--be happy to

come out again in the fall--the council is voting the budget next week--that's why I would late--would be happy to come out in the fall

Lyons--thank the Chairman for coming out--one of the faculty members said he didn't remember City Council Chair coming out

Webster: acknowledged student involvement in FS