



Faculty Senate Budget Committee

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Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2017

10:00am – 11:00am

ECON 1015

Attendees: (taken from sign-in sheet – for those who signed in)

Robert Gary	Anderson School
Janie Chermak	Economics
Fran Wilkinson	University Libraries
Kramer Woodard	Architecture & Planning
Greg Rowangould	Civil Engineering
Scott Hughes	Law
Bill Liotta	Theater & Dance

Excused: Sally Fortner Anesthesiology

Absent: Elizabeth Tigges Nursing
Christine Delucas Nursing
Norma Allen Budget Office

Guests: Pamela Pyle Faculty Senate President

Minutes: Dennis Dunn Office of the University Secretary

Meeting called to order – 10:00 am.

Quorum Met.

Introductions made.

- Meeting Minutes:**
February 13, 2017 – Approved.

Update on UNM Budget: *Janie Chermak*

- The BLT made a number of recommendations to upper administration concerning the budget. This included, for example, an increase in tuition levels for upper division and graduate courses; an administrative overhead fee on public service accounts; reductions on food, business meals, travel and per diem (from I & G).
- A change in cellular options.
- Reduction in the foundation allocation.
- Reduction to alumni relations.
- Changes in leave accrual (no immediate impact) and moving dispute resolution and the faculty ombudsman changes to miscellaneous fringe. Depending on how

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many of the recommendation the administration accepts and recommends to the Regents, the University will most likely still face a deficit.

2. Discussion with Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle:

Items discussed:

- The role of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee.
- The committee's charge is no longer applicable in the formation of the UNM budget.
- Pamela stated that she has made it a point to get more faculty on the Budget Leadership Team (BLT) this year. A discussion was held as to the prospect of putting members of the Budget Committee on the BLT subcommittees.
- Pamela agreed with the attendance policy the Budget Committee agreed on at the last meeting. Two missed meetings, without an excuse, will result in the member's dismissal from the committee.
- Janie suggested that rather than short term budget goals, the Budget Committee should focus on long term solutions.
- Pamela reported that the Secretary of Education, Barbara Damron, is looking into the viability of New Mexico having 32 separate institutions of higher learning.
- A discussion was held regarding the future of the University Press, and how it could best be utilized and reorganized.
- Kramer suggested that he would like to see the Budget Committee as a voice of the faculty to the upper administration.
- Janie suggested that in the future the committee should look into the UNM Budget and figure ways to make the budget more transparent along with the budget process.

3. The Survey:

- A discussion ensued regarding how Athletics was addressed in the survey. This was based on questions committee member Sally Fortner submitted to Janie.
- **ACTION:** Janie will email her draft summation of the survey to all of the committee members for comments.

4. Next Meeting:

May 8, 2017 (*Last meeting until Fall 2017*).

(All meetings will be from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in ECON 1015, unless notified otherwise).

5. Meeting Adjourned:

11:10 am

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 8, 2017, 10:00am – 11:00am. ECON 1015.