



Faculty Senate Budget Committee

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Minutes

Monday, November 15, 2018
4:00pm – 5:00pm
Roberts Room (Scholes Hall)

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

Robert Gary	Anderson School
Sally Fortner	Anesthesiology
Norma Allen	Budget Office
Christine Delucas	Nursing
Susanne Clement	University Libraries
Arlie Woodrum	Education
Regina Ehrenfeucht	Architecture & Planning
Agustin Leon-Moreta	Public Administration

Excused:

Janie Chermak	Economics
Greg Rowangould	Civil Engineering
Irene Vasquez	Chicana & Chicano Studies
Melissa Roberts	Pharmacy
Michelle Rigual	Law

Absent:

Guests: Finnie Coleman Faculty Senate President Elect

Minutes: Dennis Dunn Office of the University Secretary

Meeting called to order @ 4:00 pm.

Quorum was Met.

Introductions were made around the table.

1. Approval of Agenda:

- The Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The October 15, 2018 minutes were approved.

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3. Discussion with Faculty Senate President Elect, Finnie Coleman:

Finnie Coleman

- Finnie began his presentation by thanking the committee members for joining the Budget Committee and discussed his meeting with co-chair Robert Gary where they discussed the future direction of the Budget Committee and re-writing the committee's charge.
- Finnie feels that one of the primary issues facing the Budget Committee is that the committee reviews issues **after** they happen, as opposed to looking at an issue **before** it is finalized and the committee submitting an opinion on the issue.
- One of Finnie's suggestions is that the Budget Committee look into faculty compensation and the possibility of the faculty unionizing.
- Finnie suggested that the committee look into the Athletic Department's \$2 million debt. Primarily where does the \$2 million come from and if it didn't go to Athletics, where would it go?
- Another suggestion was that the committee look into additional monies to fund increased professional development for the faculty.
- Norma Allen explained the duties of the Budget Leadership Team (BLT) and how the BLT is involved in preparing UNM's annual budget. The Budget Committee is not involved in this process but is welcome to sit in on BLT meetings.
- Discussion followed on how the Budget Committee is not actively involved in the formation of UNM's budget and only receives information on UNM's budget **after** the budget is passed. It was mentioned that the BLT appears to be doing the Budget Committee's work and that the BLT reports on UNM's budget directly to the Faculty Senate.
- Finnie summed up by suggesting the committee re-write the committee's charge to reflect the committee's mission, which would be submitting recommendations to the Faculty Senate received directly from UNM's faculty. These recommendations would then be presented to the BLT.

4. Presentation by UNM's Budget Office:

Norma Allen

- Norma began by giving a high-level overview of UNM's budget. For this purpose, she presented the committee with a handout pertaining to UNM's budget and explained it to the committee.
- She explained that the two most expensive areas of the budget are UNM Press and Athletics.
 - UNM Press: \$6.8 million per year.
 - Athletics: \$4.5 million per year.
- Norma will send the committee a breakdown of both UNM Press and Athletics' budgets.
- The UNM budget is finalized in March and April, and then sent on to UNM's President and then the President presents it to the Regents for their approval.



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- Norma gave an overview of the history of the BLT and how it got to where it is today. Norma will send Robert the meeting schedules for the BLT, and the BLT Subcommittees, and he will forward this information on to the committee. Committee members are welcome to attend any of these meetings.
- The remainder of Norma's handout details the breakdown of UNM's budget and where the money is allocated to.
- UNM's total budget is \$2.9 billion.
- Norma suggested Ava Lovell to speak to the Budget Committee on the Health Sciences budget. Ava is scheduled to speak at the December 3, 2018 Budget Committee meeting.
- In closing Robert asked Norma to send him any handouts from the BLT meetings, and the BLT Subcommittee meetings.

5. Other Business:

- Sally asked the committee members to think about changes they would like to make to the committee's charge and present them at the December 3, 2018 meeting. And, to think of future projects for the Budget Committee.

6. Next Meeting:

December 3, 2018. Scholes Hall, Roberts Room.

7. Meeting Adjourned:

5:00 pm