

Faculty Senate Budget Committee

Final

Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2020

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Via Zoom

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

Robert Gary	Anderson School
Melissa Robert	Pharmacy
Renia Ehrenfeucht	Architecture & Planning
Irene Vasquez	Chicana & Chicano Studies
Osborn Pearson	Anthropology
Sudharman Jayaweera	Engineering
Janie Chermak	Economics
Norma Allen	Budget Office

Excused:

Marquita Harnett	Law
Michael Davis	Surgery Urology

Absent:

Melody Avila	College of Nursing
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Guests:

N/A

Minutes:

Felisha Martinez	Office of the University Secretary
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Meeting called to order @ 11:27 AM

Quorum was met.

1. Committee Updates

Norma Allen provided a brief report regarding university budget. She reported budget reductions are based on 10% SEH drop and LFC reported to plan for 5% state appropriation drop for FY22. Ms. Allen reported enrollment is tracking well as first day of class SEH is at 3% drop. She stated BLT will be have further discussion on August 27th. Units needing funding will be allocated to them via approval by regents and/or university president. More specific information will be provided in legislative session next spring. It is unknown at this time if money will be reallocated back to units for FY21 that need it or if the university will hold onto money to help bridge the gap to FY22. More information will become available after 21-day update of the semester. Budget cuts may be permanent.

Committee member was curious about looking at cuts that will affect graduate programs or faculty positions. It was asked if what position the union will have on budget cuts. It was reported that involved in discussions are very private and confidential. Ms. Allen stated the BLT is looking at structure as well as function and how units will best be able to handle reductions. One member stated the union may have purview over discretionary

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funds rather than overall structure. This would require a restructure of what the union can have input on. Committee members discussed concerns within their departments regarding restructuring of each department. Decisions of which portions of each department are cut, may not be left to faculty members. It was reported the timeline for decisions regarding budget cuts is unknown at this time. A suggestion was made that information/decision process be made as soon as possible for faculty to be aware. IT was also suggested the process should also be consistent university wide (i.e., for each department).

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda for Monday, August 17, 2020. Motion seconded and approved by unanimous vote. However, committee did have a brief discussion regarding university budget updates prior to official start of meeting.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes for Monday, July 20, 2020. Motion seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

4. **Budget Principles and Budget Committee Priorities**

Ms. Allen stated that the suggested budget principles and budget committee priorities were forwarded to Provost and EVP for Finance. A meeting is set for August 18th to discuss suggestions. Input from other units were included as well. Update to be provided in September 2020 meeting.

5. **BLT membership**

The committee discussed having two Budget Committee members on the Budget Leadership Team (BLT). Currently, the existing Budget Committee member on the BLT is an unofficial representative. It was decided another request would be put forth to Provost and EVP for Finance to have two official members on the BLT as representation for Budget Committee. It was suggested the Budget Committee chair be added as representative as well as current member given their teaching schedule allows. Otherwise a different Budget Committee member will volunteer for representation.

Motion to approve action. Motion seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

6. **Next Meeting**

Monday, September 21, 2020

7. **Adjourned:** 12:00 PM