



Faculty Senate

Budget and Administrative Committee

Minutes for meeting of Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 2:30 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order : Steve Collins at 2:32 p.m.
2. Roll Call
Luca Argenti, Pamela Baker, Steve Collins, David Mitchell, Nina Orlovskaya, Pamela Thomas, Keri Watson, Tina Buck, Jackie LaManna, Konstantine Vodopyanov, Joseph Trubacz; Hans Hagglund, Rebecca Richards, Missy Murphey
3. Approval of minutes from
 - November 18, 2020 - Motion to approve minutes: Pam Thomas, Second: Luca Argenti
Minutes approved
3. Announcements and Recognition of Guests
 - No guests present
4. Old Business
 - Additional discussion of the library budget presentation from the prior 2 meetings.
 - Tina Buck, Nina Orlovskaya, and Keri Watson presented a draft of a resolution to address library funding. They shared Faculty Senate resolution 1992-1993-5 on the Library budget which was approved by the Senate and signed off by President Hitt and Vice President Juge on 3/11/1993. The resolution addressed library funding – Keri Watson inquired about procedures for addressing previously approved resolutions which are not being actively followed. Please see attached draft resolution.
 - Joe Trubacz, as a member of the University Budget Committee, recommended moving library funding to fixed asset costs which would allow library funding to be prioritized before other requests.
 - Tina Buck made a recommendation to revise the draft resolution to incorporate a statement requiring library funding to keep up with inflationary costs of library resources.
 - Missy Murphey made a recommendation to explore processes used by other universities to support library funding including percentages from grant budgets and other incentives received by the university (i.e., athletic championships). Joe Trubacz stated that research grant funds of 2 to 5% may be allocated to library services.
 - Keri Watson recommended adding a statement to support the library in achieving higher national rankings of university programs.

- Student tuition may be another potential source of library funding and may help to achieve the goal of improving textbook affordability. Tina Buck reported that the library has supported millions of dollars in student savings on textbooks. Tina Buck will follow-up on questions related to textbook affordability.
- Tina cautioned that the committee must be careful not to be so specific in recommendations that it limits funding of future initiatives as technologies and best library practices change.
- This topic will be revisited in the January meeting.

5. New Business

- Meeting frequency and dates – Steve Collins, Chair, stated that Committee slate of topics is currently light. The committee has been meeting two times per month. A discussion on meeting frequency changes followed. Motion was made by Bobby Hoffman to decrease second semester meetings to monthly on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm by Zoom. The motion was seconded by Tina Buck. The motion was approved. The next meeting of the Senate Budget and Administration Committee will be Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 2:30pm via Zoom.
- Rebecca Richards requested permission to present on the new budget model at the January meeting as multiple members of the committee had not attended university meetings on this topic. The request was approved.

6. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Nina Orlovskaya

Second: Tina Buck

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline LaManna