

Faculty Senate Budget & Administrative Committee

Minutes for meeting of Wednesday February 2, 2022

Zoom Meeting: <https://ucf.zoom.us/j/91392212907?pwd=TEV4cGo2NUNESnNDNm5ySzRmczhuZz09>

- Called to Order 2:35pm

- Attendees: Tina Buck, Adam Wells, Pamela Baker, Pam Thomas, Keri Watson, Konstantin Vodopyanov, Nina Orlovskaya, Sandra Galura, Kausik Mukhopadhyay, David Mitchell, Bobby Hoffman, Missy Murphey, Nyla Dil, Gerald Hector (ex officio), Rebeca Richards (ex officio)

- Approval of minutes from December 2, 2021 meeting; so moved and approved as submitted

- Announcements and Recognition of Guests – no guests today

- Report from Chair Buck with some clarifications by Gerald Hector
 - Has attended one University Budget Committee (Dec. 3, 2021)
 - minutes are not yet posted on the senate page
 - At meeting was a discussion of auxiliary budget at meeting
 - Topics included for instance: how are camps or conferences accommodated? How should they be?
 - Historically, too many things have been considered auxiliaries
 - Committee is rethinking the way things are coded/funded/taxed
 - Adam Wells posed a question: how does this work with the push from deans/Colleges for departments to fund themselves? For example, a department hosts a conference or event; and revenue is potentially swept.
 - Gerald Hector thanked Adam for making him aware of this
 - Right now, the center often is covering costs for things that individual units host
 - We are flipping the system; Colleges will be responsible for revenue and knowing the “colors of money”
 - Auxiliary money is most fungible
 - Moving forward: every College needs to know its sources of revenue and be accountable for its own budget
 - Instead of Colleges spending to deplete their budget; it will work the other way; Colleges will get funding based on costs; revenue and expenses will be matched
 - David Michell posed the question in the chat: Related, our unit desires to re-start an executive masters program to generate revenue but we have been told the BOT is not approving these programs. Is this true? If so, aren't these conflicting messages?
 - Rebeca Richards replied in the chat: It is actually the Board of Governors that is not supportive of new executive programs. However, if you are 're-starting' the program it may already be approved. Can you please share more information on the program? My email is rebeca@ucf.edu.

- Old Business
 - Accommodation of J1 visiting scholars
 - UCF Global arranges visas
 - Problem: no place to host visiting scholars for several weeks; hotels are expensive, dorms require the whole semester, short-term rentals near campus are not ideal; local faculty hosting can be awkward; regional housing shortage

- Kausik Mukhopadhyay replied that he has first-hand experience with this issue; new state law makes it more difficult to hire international scholars and graduate students; finding accommodations falls to faculty; which is not faculty area of expertise
 - Nina Orlovskaya adds that housing a graduate student can lead to conflicts of interest
 - Adam Wells asks if there are any fixes
 - Kausik Mukhopadhyay replied that it was easier because his candidate already had a visa; still challenging; additional screening process; takes a while to clear the candidate; candidates with families are even more challenging
 - Maybe some of graduate housing (Knights Landing for instance) could be block reserved for post-docs
 - Gerald Hector will talk to Adrienne Frame about housing options
 - Tina Buck: we could write a resolution
 - Adam Wells: we may need to wait until the next senate season
 - Also need to think about visiting scholars and job candidates
 - Does the university own any residential real estate?
 - Plan to pick this issue back up next year and continue to research to draft a resolution in the fall
 - Monitor Enterprise Resources Planning system upgrade
 - Presentation last meeting
 - Nothing pressing at this time
 - New Business
 - No new business
 - Other Business
 - Committee Policy Review Responsibilities
 - Don't forget to review the policies; only have 7 days to review
 - They come quickly often on a Friday night, so we review these via email
 - We have had a small response rate, but it is important to get the feedback, so please try to look at these when they come through
 - Nominations for Vice Chair for Fall 2022
 - Adam will be on parental leave in the fall and unable to Vice Chair
 - New chairs will be elected next fall
 - Adjournment at 3:26pm
- Motion to adjourn by Pam Thomas; seconded by Missy Murphey