

Faculty Senate Budget and Administrative Standing Committee Meeting
Minutes of 10/8/2010 meeting, submitted by C. Poindexter 10/29

Associate Professor Carla Poindexter, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The roll was circulated for signatures.

Budget and Administrative Committee Members Present:

Senate Representatives: Arlen Chase, Steering Committee Liaison, Patrick LiKamWa, Michael Moshell, Faissal Moslehy, David Ratusnick, Julie Steen, Ann Miller

Faculty Representatives: Diane Andrews, Fevzi Okumus, Joe Hutchinson

Administrators: William Merck, Ed Neighbor

Budget and Administrative Committee Members Not Present:

Senate Representatives: Jeffrey Bedwell, Bradley Braun, Julia Buckey, Larry Holt

Faculty Representatives: Alexander Cole

(All not-present members informed the committee chair in writing of a scheduling difficulty prior to this meeting)

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Lynn Gonzalez, Academic Affairs, invited to present an overview of the University's new revenue based funding model.

Note: Vanessa Fortier, Academic Affairs was also invited and planned to speak, but was unable to attend due to scheduling difficulties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair's Update: Carla Poindexter provided a brief verbal overview of 9/10/10 Budget and Administrative committee meeting. The highlights were as follows:

- Item 1. Dr. Ida Cook, Faculty Senate Chair, opened the meeting with introductions and an overview of committee duties, after which the committee voted for a chair of the committee.
- Item 2. Senate Chair's Committee Charge: Due to ongoing budget issues, Dr. Cook noted that a specific budget item or issue was not charged to the committee to be addressed immediately, however she suggested we use this time to identify and address other issues pertinent to the value of this committee.
- Item 3. Dr. Cook suggested our next formal meeting should focus on an overview presentation of the University's current financial structures. Mr. Murck suggested a presentation by Vanessa Fortier and Lynn Gonzalez from Academic Affairs and offered to arrange for available dates with Committee Chair, Poindexter.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGENDA: Chair introduced current agenda: Guest Presentation:

Vice President of Academic Affairs, William Merck opened the presentation with a brief explanation of the change in UCF's financial structure from the long-standing "Pegasus Model"

to the current “Revenue-Based Funding Model” due to a change in Florida’s funding methods to universities based on severe and continuing financial declines in state revenues.

Lynn Gonzalez followed Mr. Merck’s introduction with a more detailed description of how Florida previously funded universities, which was primarily based on taxation and lottery revenues (75%) and tuition and fees (25%), to our state’s current funding methods, where significant revenues are tuition based. Ms. Gonzalez then presented a verbal explanation of the “Outline of Methodology For Resource Allocations”, a 2-page hard copy handout distributed to all committee members.

Mr. Merck’s and Ms. Gonzalez’ presentation were followed by a thoughtful and focused question and answer session by committee members:

*After the credit hour funding model was presented by Administrators, a committee member asked if Administration had considered the possibility that a credit hour driven model might have negative consequences on either curriculum or instructional decisions by Departments and faculty. Examples were provided and discussed by committee members. One of the issues - that the model does not allow for a fair share of production in cross-disciplinary teaching and learning.

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee chair distributed the Senate Constitution’s description of the Budget and Administrative Committee’s duties asking them to reflect on pertinent issues for discussion and debate at the next meeting. Members determined that Wednesday from 11-12:00 was generally a good time for most members.

Chair suggested we meet again in 2-3 weeks to formulate our committee’s new duties and agenda for offering new ideas for the betterment of our faculty and student academic and research experiences.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.