

Budget & Planning Committee
Minutes
December 7, 2016

Present: Cody Stoddard, Sathy Rajendran, Aimée Quinn, Carey Gazis, Cathy Anderson, George Drake, Ian Loverro, Ken Smith, Michael Young, Kathy Temple, Duane Dowd, and Tim Englund

Absent: Wendy Cook (technical difficulties)

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 11:04 p.m.

The November 16, 2016 minutes were approved as amended to strike Sharon O'Hare and add George Drake.

Subgroups -

Quality – Carey talked about the potential of a quality index that could be built into the RCM model, but each college would probably want to have their own index. One area would be curriculum quality and could be taken up at the Curriculum Committee when proposals come through. College level decisions of quality should come into play, but would be nice to have some sort of policy in effect so it isn't at the whim of a Dean as they come and go. The subgroup has looked at other institutions that are under RCM, but it is difficult to get details on their approaches. The question is there a way to incentivize quality or at least not de-incentivize it. Ken talked about finding a way to have a quality threshold where cost cutting measure can happen as long as it doesn't take it below that threshold. The value statement gets at some of this. Aimee mentioned need to look at what will be the quality in 5, 10 and 15 years, which makes the process even more complex.

Formula- Kathy reported the group has not had a formal discussion yet. The Provost is so unclear where she is going so is hard to discuss this. Sathy indicated that the Provost will be presenting a revised formula in January and then there will be three follow-up forums.

Decision-makers/incentives - George indicated that he would like to refocus this group to General Education.

Overhead- Ken indicated they will be looking at the new formula and see whether the approach puts pressure and control or barriers on the amount of the overhead spending. If there isn't some limits on growth on overhead, it was suggested that there might be some sort of hearing process that reviews decisions to provide some transparency. Ken suggested maybe there be a process similar to Curriculog for the budgeting process.

Future directions – The draft formula will be announced by Provost next week to the Deans. The committee has a meeting scheduled on the first day of classes of winter quarter. Next quarter the committee will work on drafting a formula for the General Education revision and the potential of a budget safe zone. Future directions will be to contact Joel for the numbers on General Education. It was decided to refocus the Decision-makers subgroup to General Education. Duane would be willing to work on General Education subcommittee.

Draft report – Aimée will be working on a draft report and will send out via email next week. Sathy reported to the committee that the Executive Committee recommended the committee bring the core values to the full Senate in January.

Tabled procedure change – The committee decided they do not need to specifically state the day/time the committee meets. It was decided they do need procedure on electing BFC members.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.