

FACULTY SENATE BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 16, 2022, MEETING

Minutes

1. Meeting began at 10:05 AM.
2. Agenda was unanimously approved
3. Minutes from January 19, 2022 were approved unanimously.
4. Discussed the presentation by the President, Provost, and VP Business & Financial Affairs and concerns about enrollments for 2022-2023.
 - a. Expressed concerns about the distribution of summer money back to the Administration because of the impact it will have on Departmental budgets.
 - b. Discussed impacts of enrollment and budget data on courses taught, teaching loads, and NTT faculty retention.
5. Discussed draft letter regarding communication with NTT Faculty, their status, and the projected budget. By consensus we supported the letter but were uncertain about the best signatories and distribution and given that the requested actions influenced working conditions wanted to discuss with the UFC prior to further action. The chair agreed to contact the UFC and discuss the letter prior to any further action.
6. Online Majors Enrollment Data
 - a. Went over Majors Data for online programs. While most programs show increases in enrollment, these increases were not sufficient to offset declines in face-to-face enrollment. The point was raised that many of these programs were created and have grown with little institutional support. Given declining enrollments and demographic challenges we would recommend investing in well-designed, growing online programs.
7. SCH Data and COVID19/New GE Program
 - a. Discussed the data through winter quarter for SCH generation as it relates to the COVID pandemic and the new General Education Program. General conclusions were as had been discussed previously. Enrollments are down and SCH generation is down in most programs largely due to the pandemic. Changes in enrollment patterns for GE Programs are difficult to separate from the changes caused by the pandemic. Discussed some indications from the deans the distribution of GE courses offered will change now that SCH are no longer the central measure driving budgetary decisions. The issue was raised of Deans/Associate Deans determining the number and type of GE courses that would be offered.
8. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.