

FACULTY SENATE BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 16, 2022, MEETING

Minutes

1. Roll: Paul Ballard, Steve Stein, Greg Lyman, Elizabeth Brown, Tom Long, Jim Thompson, Roxanne Easley, Mike Pease, Kathy Whitcomb, Jim Johnson, and Chad Wassell
2. Agenda approved with addition of item 7. Graduate Studies
3. Minutes from March 1, 2022, approved
4. Minutes: Steve Stein
5. Update on Letter regarding NTT Faculty and the Budget—A meeting is scheduled with the president, Faculty Senate Chair, ADCO Chair, and BPC in two weeks.
6. Update from Group of 8 – Roxanne
 - a. Positive update on student projections—currently freshman of 1600 vs 1200
 - b. Is the budget model different than incremental?
7. Budget of graduate programs and layered courses

The percent of layered courses with grad courses appears to be between 5% and 10%. Per Jim, this was “surprisingly” low. The trend over the last few years was a slight increase. Consider encouraging departments to increase layered classes- but aware of new curriculum rules.
8. Graduate Studies

Graduate Studies: stipend amounts for TA was doubled from \$8000 to \$16000 and the number of TAs was reduced. Overall this does not change the budget, but reduces the number of students supported.

This impacts the number of TA’s available to departments. Students were offered the option of reduced rate housing in the dorms, but had to purchase a meal plan. Concern especially for TA’s in the middle of their programs and having income changed (and potentially eliminated). A concern was related to lack of consultation. One of the conclusions of the conversation was that the idea has merit and could be beneficial, but the execution needed to be more effective. Discussion was to have next steps come from Grad Counsel. With the likelihood of having Faculty Senate Chair, ADCO Chair, and BPC as signatures.

Concern that no consultation occurred and the decision was just made.
9. Recommendations for budget process for ASL and non-ASL units in the new model
10. Updates to policy manual
11. New business/Concerns—An announcement should be coming this afternoon regarding the mask mandate and how to move forward. Mike shared of the positive collaborative nature of the process.
12. 11:35 Motion to adjourn