

FACULTY SENATE BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

APRIL 6, 2022, MEETING

Minutes

1. Roll Call: Paul Ballard, Steve Stein, Greg Lyman, Elizabeth Brown, Tom Long, Jim Thompson, Roxanne Easley, Mike Pease, Kathy Whitcomb, Jim Johnson, and Chad Wassell. Leventy Faby-Asztalos
2. Approval of the agenda (approved)
3. Approval of the minutes from March 16, 2022 (Approved)
4. News from the Group of 8—From last meeting a big part of the discussion was regarding Graduate Assistances. The Provost sent a letter out giving some clarification and some further limited guidance was given to allow Departments to move forward. Next meeting is 5/14.
5. Follow up on discussion of our letter to the Administration  
Question from Steve to departments and what happened with NTT's. At least four departments have communicated with NTT's  
For one department (Biology), some TTs had classes canceled which resulted in reduction in NTT WLU. History had no changes. English—last spring nine NTT's had WLU reduced, this spring was with only one NTT (and that one had other departments giving WLU's), Physics had NTT's chose not to return  
Meeting with the president—summary was a positive meeting and admin is open to feedback about ways to improve.  
For future consideration—are there ways to make NTT contracts not contingent? If a contract is offered, it is honored. One mechanism could be specific reserves for NTT's during "emergency" times. There was discussion on "Reserves" in the budget now.  
  
If something will occur to support NTT's the pathway will be through the union.  
  
Consider some work with Colleges and Departments regarding budgeting and (capital) equipment needs. Consider long-term funding needs for planned replacement.
6. Chair Election—This will be brought up again at the next meeting because of missing members for this meeting.
7. VBB Budget Model Recommendations  
Questions were raised on the draft VBB proposal: Does this allow for feedback? Where and how? There are concerns with both under simplicity in some places in the document and over simplicity in other areas.  
Next steps regarding the document is to write up concerns and thoughts and move it forward. The desire to take advantage of the "opportunity" to have meaningful input and also pursue a more impactful shared governance.  
Everyone is asked to read over the document and consider what benefits came from RCM and prepare to discuss these.
8. New business/Concerns- tabled  
Meeting adjourned at 11:15.