

FACULTY SENATE BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING

Minutes

1. Approval of the agenda
  - Approved with addition of item 5
2. Approval of the minutes
  - Waiting until next meeting to approve last meeting minutes
3. Volunteer minute taker – Lizzie
4. Value Based Budgeting Draft
  - Program viability index as part of the new plan is concerning. Is also a close match to Northern Iowa University.
  - Model will depend on what size institution we are in connection to enrollment.
  - In budget short-fall years, concerns that ABB will continue to be applied to academics to “tighten up efficiencies”
  - Biology and Chemistry have experienced a drop in enrollment in some key course areas of the program
  - Some concerns about NTT/TT ratio percentage projections in the new model. Current examples are leading to fear on campus and the intended goal for these numbers is unclear (Are these aspirational, implementation, short-term, long-term goals?)
  - Observation that there have been greater overload contracts within Accounting. However, within CAH and COTS overload contracts are very rare.
  - Joel has offered to attend a FSBP meeting. Interested in having a visit from Joel.
5. Graduate Council Resolution Discussion - Roxanne
  - Conversation relating to the lack of mention about the graduate school in the strategic planning survey results.
  - Numbers from Joel are that the graduate school has a \$3 million deficit, but does not account for important instructional numbers such as layered courses, or income through grants office, which brings in ~\$12 million a year.
  - Committee would be interested in reviewing more of the financial information from graduate studies. Could possibly calculate SCH from layered classes based on MyCWU queries.
  - Ideas on what to add to the resolution response letter:
    - Connect to high impact practices and the value of undergraduate research
    - Mention the value add of the tuition waivers for students. Thinking of waivers in terms of “budget loss” is mismatched because these costs are actually bringing in students who otherwise wouldn’t have attended.
    - Value added to the university of hiring graduate assistantships outweighs the cost and all the potential hires that would be needed to replace the work graduate assistants contribute.
    - Generally recognized uncertainty in the budget numbers we have for graduate council
6. Report for Faculty Senate Dec 1 Meeting
  - Monitoring the impact of COVID on GE
  - Implications of the new strategic plan on budget
  - Working with graduate council on resolution
  - Requested representation on PBAC. Since subcommittees were recently dissolved, we are continuing to ask for a presence on future committees.
  - Monitoring the new budget structure documents
7. New business/Concerns
  - MyCWU homepage interface will be switching to fluid design.