

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE OF FACULTY SENATE  
29 October 2012

Attending: Shannon Alexander, Jim Allen, Seyed Allameh, Jan Anderson, Bethany Bowling, Jim Bradtmueller, Tobias Brauer, Gary Clayton (chair), Jennifer Cline, Steve Crites, Kebede Gemene, Jane Green, Gary Hackbarth, Lois Hamill, Lisa Holden, Yi Hu, Parmita Kapadia, Doug Krull, Thomas Lambert, Kajsa Larson, Mark Leeman, Robert Lilly, Louise Niemer

Guests: Beth Sweeney (Associate Provost for Administration)

Absent: Gary Eippert, Rich Gilson, John Metz, Frank Restesan

The September meeting was canceled (Gary Clayton was out of the country) and issues were addressed through email.

Gary opened the meeting at approximately 3:17.

The August minutes were approved as written.

1. Budget Priorities Survey

Because extensive changes were made last year and because keeping the questions unchanged enables a comparison across years, it was agreed that the questions would not be modified this year.

It is important to collect the data ASAP so the results will be available for budget decisions. Jim Bradtmueller noted that it should be possible to make the survey available almost immediately. It was agreed that the survey would be available from Friday, November 2 to Tuesday, November 20. Committee members should encourage members of their department to participate. Louise Niemer, Yi Hu, and Steve Crites agreed to summarize the results. Gary agreed to draft the executive summary. Our goal is to have the results of the survey and the summary in the hands of the administration by the end of the semester.

2. New Business

Comments were offered with regard to Dr. Votruba's salary and other benefits upon his move to faculty status. It should be noted that Dr. Votruba's salary was calculated in accordance with the standard formula for retiring administrators. Nevertheless, given the substantial dollar amount and the recent budget challenges, several committee members expressed dissatisfaction and/or a desire for greater transparency. Discussion about possible procedures was deferred to the next budget committee meeting; committee members can send comments or suggestions to Gary prior to the next budget committee meeting. At the request of the committee, Gary will find the salary article(s) and distribute them in advance of the next meeting.

It was noted that NKU receives substantially less funding from the state than do other Kentucky universities. Perhaps attempts could be made to rectify this inequity.

It was agreed that the distinguished professor proposal would be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:19.