

## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 18, 2018

**Present:** David Agard, Janel Bloch, Nancy Campbell, Nathan De Lee, Rebecca Elkins, Stacie Jankowski, Ed Kwon, Gisele Lorient-Raymer, Carrie McCoy, John Metz, Ljubomir Nacev, Amber Onorato, Jeanne Pettit, Joseph Rubleske, Hans Schellhas, Erin Strome, Jeff Ward

**Absent:** Young Kim, Trina Koscielicki, Robert Lilly, Ellen Maddin, Terry Powell, Bob Salyer

**Guests:** Matthew Zacate

Chair Janel Bloch called this special meeting to order at 3:25. The minutes from April 11, 2018 were approved as written. There were two documents distributed at the meeting: "Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019 (and beyond) budget based on 2018 faculty budget priorities survey" (from Janel and Matthew Zacate) and "Voting Item – Allocation of Potential Spending Cuts" (from L. Nacev). Janel reported that there are still a number of budget decisions to be made, particularly related to instructional needs and pension numbers, that will depend on the Governor's actions. In response to a question, Janel said she will post some of the recurring and non-recurring budget requests that have been discussed in the Central Units Allocation group of which she is a member.

Discussion turned to review of the two documents. Janel asked that each of us share these with our departments for comments as she plans to schedule a second special meeting for next week to vote on a recommendation to be sent to Faculty Senate. A. Onorato pointed out that she wanted staff included in our recommendation, as well. Matthew commented that the survey was faculty-centric by design but that advocacy for staff could be included as appropriate. Other comments centered around making the report/recommendation more concise. Janel thought it was important to forward the executive summary of the survey responses, along with the more detailed information as background.

L. Nacev took a different approach to his voting item. His research suggests that instructional costs have borne the brunt of budget cuts over the last decade or so and wants us to vote on his motion: "Any University-wide budget cuts for the upcoming academic year, up to the first \$13 million of such cuts, should not be allocated in any amount to the instructional budget". In response to a question from N. De Lee, Ljubomir said that he excluded some columns of data from his research sheet that did not relate to instructional costs and therefore the columns did not total correctly. It was suggested that he provide more details as to what comprises his numbers. Additional feedback is welcome as we strive to make a recommendation to Faculty Senate before its last meeting of the academic year.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell