

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Present: David Agard, Janel Bloch, Nancy Campbell, Nathan De Lee, Stacie Jankowski, Young Kim, Trina Koscielicki, Ed Kwon, Gisele Lorient-Raymer, Carrie McCoy, John Metz, Phil Moberg, Ljubomir Nacev, Amber Onorato, Jeanne Pettit, Joe Rubleske, Jeff Ward

Absent: Rebecca Elkins, Lisa Jameson, Robert Lilly, Ellen Maddin, Randy Pennington, Terry Powell, Bob Salyer, Erin Strome

Guests: Mike Hales, Sue Ott Rowlands, Phil McCartney

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:15. It was moved and seconded (De Lee/Metz) to approve the minutes from the 10/25/17 meeting. Motion approved.

There were no updates or announcements from the Chair.

Old Business:

- A. Salary policies/Summer & Winter compensation policy
The Summer/Winter compensation policy will be discussed during spring semester, now that the new budget model is in place.
- B. Academic Partnerships
The Provost distributed updated FAQs regarding AP and addressed a number of questions. Addenda to the contract are ongoing, providing additional clarification to the partnership. One important note is the exclusion of tuition waivers and pass-through fees, e.g. Campus Recreation Center, from revenue-sharing.

Sue provided some very helpful operational information and answers to questions, including the university's overall intent with the partnership. AP provides recruiting and marketing opportunities that NKU does not have the capacity to do and hopes to grow enrollment (and subsequent revenue) in those programs that are offering accelerated courses, e.g. RN to BSN and Criminal Justice. NKU also has some unique programs, such as Cybersecurity, that will be appealing to those beyond our traditional geographic reach.

Sue stressed that the Master Service Agreement spells out in greater detail all the terms between AP and NKU. She reiterated how academic coaches are selected and briefly spoke about institutions who had terminated agreements with AP. NKU currently has a large group of faculty and staff making preparations for the implementation in January. Early enrollment figures for the 15 programs show 70 students admitted and 26 of those enrolled, with around 50 being anticipated. Sue also stated that AP has a recruitment group dedicated to NKU programs.

C. Budget & Commonwealth Affairs

Mike reported that the overall budget process is still on hold until the Governor presents his budget in January. Mike's office is currently working on fixed costs, revenue estimates, and fee requests in anticipation of the process. There are still unknowns regarding KERS and CPE's outcomes-based funding recommendations to support the operating budgets. There is the possibility of a special session in the next few weeks.

In summary the Provost stated that the university has lost 57 full-time faculty lines in the last 3 years, primarily due to declining revenue. AP is just one avenue for growing revenue and enrollment, along with the offerings of micro-credentialing, more online courses and traditional face-to-face courses.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell