

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 17, 2018

Present: David Agard, Janel Bloch, Nancy Campbell, Nathan De Lee, Rebecca Elkins, Lisa Jameson, Stacie Jankowski, Trina Koscielicki, Ed Kwon, Gisele Lorient-Raymer, Carrie McCoy, Phil Moberg, Ljubomir Nacev, Amber Onorato, Jeanne Pettit, Erin Strome, Jeff Ward

Absent: Young Kim, Robert Lilly, Ellen Maddin, John Metz, Randy Pennington, Terry Powell, Joseph Rubleske, Bob Salyer

Guests: Mike Hales, Sue Ott Rowlands

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:24. It was moved and seconded (McCoy/Moberg) to approve the minutes from the 12/6/17 meeting as distributed. Motion approved.

Janel asked that we move to the Budget portion of the agenda first. Mike Hales commented that everyone is still processing the Governor's budget presentation from the previous evening. The proposal will next go to the Legislature for discussion. Mike relayed that although nothing is definite at this point, the University is hopeful to still receive the \$5.1 million in equity funding. He also emphasized that the University is currently trying to identify \$516,000 to satisfy a mid-year non-recurring 1% budget cut for higher education announced in December.

Additionally, Mike stated that the Governor's cuts to higher education would result in approximately \$3.2 million for NKU, plus a mandated \$1.3 million "un-funding" for the Kentucky Center for Mathematics on campus. NKU may still receive approximately \$20 million for asset preservation with the institution's match of 50%. He stressed that there would be more information forthcoming.

Sue added that NKU had already begun preparation for possible cuts, including some brainstorming at a recent Deans Council meeting. She also made the point that cutting Academic Affairs programs cuts revenue, so a big priority is growing enrollment. In response to a question about how much growth is needed, she stated that 18,000 students would be a possible target – we currently stand at 14,500. CPE sets enrollment growth caps for institutions and this number is not yet known. Institutional aid would also need to increase to assist attracting this many students.

In addition to tuition, other ways to generate revenue include Recreation Center community programming, various executive programs offered by the College of Business, and continuing education offerings. Many of these ideas were expressed at last year's budget forums. Overall Sue pointed out that the University is striving for the right balance between residential and non-residential students.

It was suggested that Janel invite Eric Gentry to a future meeting to give us an update on the Foundation's state of investments.

At this point we returned to the top of the agenda: Janel continues to update the spreadsheet of CUPA comparative data on salaries and the Provost said that the summer/winter compensation proposal is on the agenda for the Academic Affairs Council tomorrow (1/18). There was not time to get into a discussion on the 15-week semester proposal. At this time, it is just an exploration of the idea with one main goal being a full 3-week winter session. Campus is just being asked to consider the pros and cons

of such a move. Sue and Janel asked that we distribute the information to our departments and send Janel any ideas, comments, or concerns by the end of next week. Janel will send out an email with more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell