

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

MARCH 21, 2018

Present: David Agard, Janel Bloch, Nancy Campbell, Nathan De Lee, Stacie Jankowski, Young Kim, Ed Kwon, Gisele Lorient-Raymer, Carrie McCoy, Phil Moberg, Amber Onorato, Jeanne Pettit, Hans Schellhas, Erin Strome, Jeff Ward

Absent: Rebecca Elkins, Trina Koscielicki, Robert Lilly, Ellen Maddin, John Metz, Ljubomir Nacev, Terry Powell, Joseph Rubleske, Bob Salyer

Guests: Kim Scranage, Mike Hales, Sue Ott Rowlands, Andy Meeks, Matthew Zacate, Leah Stewart, Shawn Rainey, Ryan Padgett, Diana McGill, Tiffany Budd, Jane Bratton, Grace Hiles

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:20. With a full agenda she suggested delaying approval of the minutes from 2/14/18 until the next meeting.

Andy Meeks, Director of Business Operations & Auxiliary Services, gave a Parking/Dining update for 2019. Some highlights of his presentation included: most residential dining options going up approximately \$50; an Au Bon Pain restaurant will be opening in HIC fall semester; Starbucks will undergo a complete renovation and be closed for 7 weeks; Chartwell's has 2 years remaining on their contract; and slight increases in Parking, e.g. \$15 more per year for faculty/staff.

Under A and B from the agenda, Mike Hales reported that we are still waiting to hear final budget information from the State and his office is working through possible scenarios. Pension relief/reform is still a big unknown. The next Board of Regents meeting is May 2. The University is still waiting to hear the tuition cap as set by CPE before it can send the tuition proposal to the Board.

Sue reported that Academic Affairs represents approximately 60% of NKU's budget and is concerned about how further instructional cuts will affect our SACS review. She is hopeful that we will be able to replenish faculty resources. Any further cuts to full-time faculty would put us below 50% of our benchmarks and that is likely to be a concern for reaccreditation.

Kim Scranage, Enrollment & Retention, along with representatives from her office, presented an update that was recently given to the BOR. Her office is striving to provide access to a variety of data. Shawn Rainey highlighted enrollment patterns over the past 8 years, showing that NKU has had the smallest decline among Kentucky institutions. He did point out that we have experienced an almost 14% decline in undergraduates during this period. Leah Stewart discussed changes in the market and student pipeline. Ryan Padgett showed trends in retention and our success in particular with underrepresented minorities, as well as improved persistence rates among all students.

With the time remaining Janel asked the committee members for feedback concerning the proposed budget survey developed by Matthew Zacate, President of Faculty Senate, and herself. After some discussion it was agreed to send comments and suggestions to Janel by the end of next week (March 30).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Nancy F. Campbell