

## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

**Present:** David Agard, Janel Bloch, Nancy Campbell, Nathan De Lee, Rebecca Elkins, Lisa Jameson, Stacie Jankowski, Ed Kwon, Gisele Loriot-Raymer, Carrie McCoy, Phil Moberg, Amber Onorato, Joseph Rublieske, Erin Strome, Jeff Ward

**Absent:** Young Kim, Trina Koscielicki, Robert Lilly, Ellen Maddin, John Metz, Ljubomir Nacev, Jeanne Pettit, Randy Pennington, Bob Salyer

**Guests:** Sue Ott Rowlands, Mike Hales

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:15. It was moved and seconded (McCoy/De Lee) to approve the minutes from the 4/12/17 meeting. Motion approved. Janel welcomed new members to the committee and briefly outlined how meetings are organized. She encouraged members to share information at department meetings and to be cognizant of all the resources available on the committee's Blackboard site. Two new web sites that are relevant to our work are now available, as well: <http://inside.nku.edu/cfo.html> from CFO Mike Hales - contains a number of helpful links to reports and documents; and <http://inside.nku.edu/adminfinance.html> which has links to the various departments and services within this division.

In response to a question regarding Accelerated Programs, Sue reported that the working group is addressing the need for more instructors considering the fast course development and other issues. There will be upcoming open forums for more feedback. It may be helpful to have representatives from the working group make a presentation at a future Budget Committee meeting. Let Janel know if you have ideas for any guest speakers.

Under Old Business:

- A. Salary policies and analysis: Sue commented that she closely followed many of our recommendations, but there were not enough funds to address all issues.
- B. Summer/Winter compensation: the subcommittee's recommendations will be reviewed by the Academic Affairs Council, while taking into consideration the current review to change the length of semesters. Sue and Janel will meet to make future plans. Janel will post to Blackboard the subcommittee's findings.
- C. Budget and
- D. Commonwealth Affairs: Mike Hales elaborated a bit on the FY17 – FY19 budget years and much uncertainty remains due to the KERS issues. There could be increases from a range of 66% to 84%. CPE will make recommendations in late October for discussion at the January Legislature session. Sue encouraged us all to stay informed as the University seeks ways to grow revenue in light of these issues. She also stated that NKU has very strong advocates in our transition period.

- E. Budget Priorities Survey: Janel reminded us of the recent survey results posted on Blackboard. She then asked the representatives present to introduce themselves and to identify departmental budget concerns. These included: sustaining adequate funding for library resources; more budgetary transparency within colleges; funding for student research (both undergraduate and graduate); additional tenure-track lines; part-time faculty pay; technology; reliance on lab and course fees; lots of leadership changes; professional development funding; more options for faculty hiring; and reliance on adjuncts.

Sue offered to prepare a summary report on spring's compensation process. In response to a question regarding the partnership with the University of Kentucky Sue stated that the University is negotiating a lease and renovation costs, but the students in the program would be considered UK students. A meeting is scheduled for later in September and she will put a link to information on her web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell