

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 22, 2020

Present: Richard Durtsche, Stacie Jankowski, Alina Campan, Janel Bloch, Rebecca Elkins, David Agard, Shawn Nordheim, Nathan De Lee, Ed Kwon, Reiko Ozaki, Nancy Campbell, Ryan Alverson, Daryl Harris, Jeff Smith, Sara Conwell, Danielle Todd

Absent: Erin Masters, Joseph Rubleske, Lynnessa Hillman, Blas Puente-Baldoceda, Jason Applegate, Young Kim, Isabelle Lagadic, William Landon

Guests: Mike Hales, Sue Ott Rowlands, Matthew Zacate, Grace Hiles

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:18 via Zoom. Minutes from the 4/8/2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

Janel has forwarded the budget survey report, with our recent notations, to Faculty Senate and it is now posted on Senate's web page.

Mike Hales reported that nothing had changed with the state budget situation since our last meeting. He cautioned that there is the possibility of mid-year cuts if revenues decline. As for the NKU budget, scenario A, as the President described in this week's Spring Forum, will be presented to the Board of Regents for approval at the May 13 meeting. This scenario includes the investment areas of Accelerated Online programs, Steely Library, and other compliance initiatives as well as non-recurring salary reductions from members of the President's Cabinet earning \$100,000 and above. In response to a question Mike said that NKU was working with other state institutions and the CPE to collaborate on moving forward. It is expected that most will freeze current tuition rates.

There was another question regarding the future of NTTR/NTTT jobs. Sue responded that the deadline had passed for NTTR faculty to be notified. It would depend on fall enrollment as to the others. Staff employees are good through June 30. As for tenured and tenure/track faculty the University would have to declare Financial Exigency to look at those positions.

Other concerns regarding fall semester: international students may not get visas (they represent about 3% of total enrollment); the process of pulling back technology loaned to students to be reinstalled into classrooms and labs; and the possibility of delaying the start of fall semester. Sue did want to assure faculty that development awards will continue and the raises due to promotions will occur. Decisions for moving forward will need to be made by June 30. Let Janel know if anyone has questions or feedback.

Although today was to be the last meeting of the academic year, Nathan suggested that we schedule some additional meetings before the end of June, to give us the opportunity to provide feedback on any planning. It was agreed that the Committee will add meetings on Wednesday June 3 and Wednesday June 24 at 3:15 via Zoom.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell