

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Present: Erin Masters, Isabelle Lagadic, Stacie Jankowski, Alina Campan, Janel Bloch, Rebecca Elkins, David Agard, Shawn Nordheim, Nathan De Lee, Ed Kwon, Jeff Smith, Lynnissa Hillman, Nancy Campbell, Ryan Alverson, Daryl Harris

Absent: Jason Applegate, Young Kim, Dick Durtsche, Joseph Rubleske, William Landon, Danielle Todd, Reiko Ozaki, Blas Puente-Baldoceda

Guests: Provost Sue Ott Rowlands, CFO Mike Hales

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:22. Minutes from the 1/29/2020 meeting were approved as distributed. Janel reported that Bruce Smith, NKU's Director of Benefits and speaker at our last meeting, is working to have faculty representation on benefit review groups.

Mike Hales provided an update on state and NKU budget matters. NKU budget preparation still has many unknowns, such as the tuition cap set by CPE, and Mike will be seeking feedback from various campus groups. In pension news there is a new HB 171 that would keep our contributions flat. This bill will now move to the Senate for review.

Mike also presented information on Academic Partnerships. NKU is in its 3rd year of an 8-year agreement and has shown remarkable enrollment growth, particularly in nursing and health sciences graduate enrollment, as well as the MBA. These students will help raise the degrees completed number over time. Current overall enrollment stands at 2840 for all programs. The target audience continues to be students 25 and up. Total gross revenue is \$37.4 M to date. Because of this growth, there is a demand to hire additional faculty for these programs and staff for support services. For FY19, NKU invested an additional \$4.2M for these positions. In response to a question about non-AP programs, Sue commented that growing non-AP programs are funded through the traditional budget request process. Eventually all revenue, including that from AP, will be distributed to the colleges. NKU will evaluate its brand recognition and other factors like revenue share when determining whether to renew the contract down the road.

Sue reviewed the budget requests from Academic Affairs:

1. Increased infrastructure needs for AP, e.g. staffing in Bursar. Many processes are still done manually and require more personnel. Request is for \$977,000 for 12 positions.

2. Steely Library - \$1.2 M to address collections and personnel needs as determined by SACS review. Surveys will be forthcoming to gather feedback on progress.

3. New instructional faculty to help with upcoming program accreditations. Request is for \$1.2M for 10 new positions, a mix of tenure-track and NTTR.

It was suggested that we invite a speaker from Mar/Comm and/or Enrollment Management for updates at a future meeting. Janel is still working on results from the recent budget survey.

With there being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Nancy F. Campbell