MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2019


Absent: Erin Masters, Jason Applegate, Young Kim, Dick Durtsche, William Landon, Corrie Danieley

Guests: Provost Sue Ott Rowlands, VP/CFO Mike Hales

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:20. The minutes from the 9/4/19 were approved as distributed. Members in attendance introduced themselves. In the Chair’s report Janel presented a list of campus updates: CPE is gathering program information; the U.S. 27 building project is expected to be completed in Spring 2020; a consultant has been hired to assist with the Master Planning process; a survey will be forthcoming from the process improvement steering committee; and the Budget Model Review task force will soon be making recommendations to the President.

In State and NKU Budget news, Mike Hales reported that the state would be entering a new biennium in January 2020. Each university has its own priorities, with NKU focusing on asset preservation and the performance-funding model. The state Finance Committee supports our priorities. Exact funding is not yet known and CPE will finalize the priorities in mid-November. Our budget preparation is underway and Mike’s office is considering various scenarios that take into account pensions, tuition caps, and Success by Design initiatives. EKU and WKU have joined NKU to conduct an independent actuarial analysis of the pension options, helping to guide the institutions with pension decisions.

Janel asked for feedback on the draft of a faculty budget survey she recently distributed. She noted that the draft was more concise to encourage higher participation. Suggestions included adding advising and mentoring responsibilities and to include Success by Design items in question one and to expand the Demographics question to include all levels of faculty positions. It was moved and seconded (Campbell/Lagadic) to forward the revised draft of the survey to the Senate Executive Committee for review. Motion approved.

Janel asked for any other committee reports. S. Nordheim is a member of the group which will recommend campus banking services for the next ten years, and reported that the committee is in process of hearing presentations. Please let Janel know if you have guest speaker ideas for future meetings.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell