

## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2021

**Present:** Janel Bloch, Collin Herb, Dick Durtsche, Nivanthi Mihindikulasooriya, Phil Moberg (for Jeff Smith), Marc Leone, Carrie Hipple, Ed Kwon, Catie Shelton, Shawn Nordheim, Nancy Campbell, Irene Encarnacion, Stacie Jankowski, Joe Rubleske, Reiko Ozaki, Yangyang Tao, Ryan Alverson, Dave Agard

**Absent:** Lynda Hillman, Erin Masters, Jack Harrison, Ken Jones, Daryl Harris, Ausbra McFarland, Danielle Todd

**Guests:** Provost Matt Cecil, Budget Director Chandra Brown

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:18 via Zoom. The minutes from October 13, 2021 were approved as distributed, with the correction of the spelling of Nivanthi Mihindikulasooriya's name. Janel welcomed Chandra Brown, NKU Budget Director, to provide us with budget updates, now that Mike Hales has left the university.

Chandra reported that the FY23 budget letter would be coming out before the holiday break and reviewed the timeline of the budget process. She presented slides showing budgeted versus actual numbers for FY21 and FY22 projections. She also reviewed use of the Federal Stimulus funds that the university received for institutional aid (e.g. book vouchers for students) and direct student grant funding. The CPE is focusing on performance funding and asset preservation at the state level.

Provost Matt Cecil reported that the rapid growth of the MSN program via AOL has resulted in a move to review that program and adjust accordingly. He also announced that our international student applications were returning, with 399 recently admitted. He is "cautiously optimistic" about the future.

The university continues to work on staff salary issues, particularly for student advisors. With a staff resignation rate of 18% it is hoped that developing a promotional ladder will help alleviate these losses. The Provost stated that losing experienced mid-level people interrupts our success goals. Additionally the Provost has asked Jason Vest to investigate faculty salaries as well. Matt stressed that "we treat people right so they will stick around".

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell