

## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

**Present:** Janel Bloch, Nancy Campbell, Ed Kwon, Carrie Hipple, Jef Smith, Jack Harrison, Collin Herb, Michael Guy, Danielle Todd, Marc Leone, Nivanthi Mihindukulasooriya, Richard Durtsche, Ken Jones, Irene Encarnacion, Yangyang Tao, Lynnis Hillman, Ryan Alverson, Shawn Nordheim, Reiko Ozaki, Stacie Jankowski

**Absent:** Catie Shelton, Joe Rubleske, Dave Agard, Erin Masters

**Guests:** Chandra Brown (Budget Director), Chad Ogle (Associate Provost for Administration), Ben Figueroa (Interim Vice President/CFO)

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:18 via Zoom. It was moved and seconded (Nordheim/Durtsche) to approve the minutes from 12/8/2021 as distributed. Motion approved.

Janel reported that in its recent elections, Faculty Senate officers and committee chairs would stay the same for the next year. Janel is serving on the search committee for Mike Hales' replacement.

Chandra Brown, Budget Director, provided an update on the FY23 budget process. The University is hoping to streamline the overall process, while being more strategic. As an example, units are being asked, "How much does it cost to run your area?" to begin the planning, as well as reviewing base budgets, carryforwards, etc. to look for expenditure trends. Additionally the budget process is becoming more aligned with Success by Design and performance model metrics. The plan also includes a 6-month assessment process that shows actual usage for the time period and can be compared to this period from the previous year. Chandra said a closer look is being taken of positions and the number of vacancies across the university. Ben Figueroa commented that funding for personnel and salaries is a top institutional priority. Chad Ogle added that Chairs will be working with their departments to develop priorities and review spending trends and cycles.

There was no update on the state budget process. More details will be coming later in the semester.

Janel has drafted this year's Faculty Budget Priorities Survey and asked for comments. Ben suggested adding a line to ask about the benefits/salaries relationship. It was also suggested to modify the question on sabbaticals, project grants, and summer fellowships to increase the individual award amounts, rather than an overall increase for all. It was moved and seconded (Nordheim/Jones) to move forward with the survey as modified. Motion approved. Janel will make the revisions and take to the Senate Executive Committee for review.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell