

## MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

APRIL 19, 2023

**Present:** Marc Leone, Rick Boyce, Nancy Campbell, Janel Bloch, Jeff Smith, Nicholas Brummer, Collin Herb, Ed Kwon, Alina Campan, Kim Lazzeri, Nathan De Lee, Carrie Hipple, Reiko Ozaki, Jack Harrison, Ryan Alverson, Catie Shelton, Shawn Nordheim, Lynnissa Hillman

**Absent:** Ken Jones, Irene Encarnacion, Dave Agard, Hardik Patel, Lou Manchise, Majed Dabdoud

**Guests:** Matt Cecil (Provost), Jeremy Alltop (CFO), Chad Ogle (Provost Office), Kalyani Ankem

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:16 via Zoom. It was moved and seconded (Kwon/Ozaki) to approve the minutes from March 22, 2023. Motion carried. Janel plans to keep our last meeting date, May 3, on the schedule for now.

Janel turned the meeting over to Matt and Jeremy for any updates. Matt reported that the Academic Commons group had met today, along with the announcement that the Dean of Steely Library would be leaving in June. He will be meeting with the Library soon to work on interim leadership.

Matt is continuing to meet with Academic Partners to talk through concerns and possible future changes, e.g. reducing the revenue share for established programs and removing some programs, i.e. Criminal Justice, that feel they would be more successful on their own. He reported that, so far, the conversations have gone well.

Jeremy is finishing review of the proposed FY24 budget. He still expects fall enrollment to be flat, but with perhaps a slight growth in online students. Final numbers will likely be affected by any tuition increase. Matt announced that out of 595 faculty lines from last year, the number for next fall is down to approximately 500. This reduction includes 36 vacancies, 23 voluntary separation acceptances, 17 NTTs, and NTTTs to be determined (he estimates 15-20). The College of Arts & Sciences has been most impacted.

In response to a question regarding the substantial raise recently given to NKU's basketball coach, Matt replied that this raise was funded by Athletics and he will be working with the Athletic Director for more details. He also commented that many of our student athletes pay tuition. After some discussion it was suggested that Faculty Senate request that the AD attend a future meeting and answer questions.

The main agenda item was to consider the three proposed parking fee options. Jeremy briefly reviewed each option and commented that the parking garages are the main issue in comparison with similar sized institutions. Selling less passes is driving the rates up each year. Each option would result in about the same amount of revenue. The options were discussed at length. It was suggested that the Callahan shuttle option (park at Callahan Hall and ride the shuttle to campus) be put back in for consideration at some point. Option 2 – differing rates for garages and lots – was not popular and would be difficult to operationalize. (Note – Nancy had to leave at 5:00, so many thanks to Janel for end of meeting information).

After many comments on parking fee options and other fees, it was generally agreed that the Committee prefers option 1.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell