

MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE

MARCH 22, 2023

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

Absent: Marc Leone, Dave Agard, Hardik Patel, Lou Manchise, Majed Dabdoud

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

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order at 3:16 via Zoom. It was moved and seconded (Jones/Kwon) to approve the minutes from February 22, 2023 as distributed. Motion carried. Janel indicated that we may have special meetings in May if warranted by the budget process.

She then opened the floor for updates from Matt and Jeremy. Jeremy reported that he was currently reviewing information from all departments for quality checks. He indicated that feedback from our potential special meetings in May would be helpful to him as he prepares his next presentation to the Board of Regents, e.g. getting our comments on the three parking options to be considered. He also reported that NKU still has a budget deficit, with a very preliminary estimate of around 4%, and that revenues are still down at this point. The University does expect a fairly flat enrollment for Fall.

Matt stated that representatives from Admissions and each College are making a final push to visit the schools in our region in the next six weeks. He is also working to put funds back into instructional costs. In response to a question regarding financial aid staffing, he stated that, while they have made some new hires, he hopes to have more staff cross-trained in various offices to help at peak times or as vacancies occur.

Discussion turned to the topic of Academic Partners, whose contract with NKU ends in 2025. Matt is working with them to make plans for the future. We have over 2500 students in the online MSN program, due in part to AP's extensive marketing. Matt plans to involve all of campus regarding NKU's future and costs with AP. (Matt had to leave for another meeting at 4:00).

Jeremy asked for our input regarding his May message to the BOR. Suggestions included putting a more positive spin on things, providing a more thorough breakdown of revenue streams, and framing the budget reductions into the "big picture". At this point Jeremy left the meeting.

Closing comments centered on the way some notifications were given to the NTTRs. Many people were very critical and even angry as to how certain chairs and deans handled the process, showing no empathy or proper preparation for this difficult event. Overall, there is a general distrust of how many things are being handled on campus.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy F. Campbell