

Minutes - Faculty Senate Budget Committee, October 15, 2025

Attendance

Members: Elizabeth Beuke, Janel Bloch, Kimberly Clayton-Code, Susannah Coaston, Nathan DeLee, Melissa England, John Farrar, Chad Greenfield, Zach Hart, Merle Heckman, Lynnis Hillman, Alicia Ireton, Ed Kwon, Marc Leone, Gary Newell, Nikk Pilato, Patrick Schultheis, Annie Welch, Zach Wells.

Guests: Diana McGill, Steve Slone, Chad Ogle, Jamie Younger.

Chair Janel Bloch called the meeting to order, and the agenda was adopted with no changes. The minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting were adopted as distributed.

The Chair gave her report reminding members of the recent Board of Regents meeting and the Presidential Town Hall. Links to the live stream are posted on Canvas. These are not archived but are available for viewing at the time of this meeting.

Provost update: There was no budget update in Cabinet with the current focus on policies. The Provost doesn't have access to the current budget.

Questions: The gap has closed in enrollment with some improvement in the second 7-week term. Are the numbers as expected? \$2.5M is still the target for budget cuts. Improved enrollment hasn't helped much. The budget gap is "no one's fault." There was not enough buffer in the budget. There was not a miscalculation of performance funding. There are lots of unknowns in the budget process—the only thing set is tuition.

There was a discussion about the impact of construction on instruction for both students and faculty.

It was noted that data from Ryan Padgett is posted on Canvas.

The committee received an update from Nathan DeLee about the Parking and Tuition Waiver group. There was outreach to PCC on parking equity, and the group is digesting the feedback. They are thinking about the tuition waiver recommendations and tweaking the details. PCC committee members have the drafts from the workgroup.

The committee was reminded of the policy proposals during the comment period, and members were encouraged to provide comment.

Chair Bloch encouraged committee members to consider membership on subcommittees to address key issues: summer compensation, topics for regular reporting to the Budget Committee, salaries, summer/winter compensation. Are there others?

There is a general will of the committee for a formal request for information related to faculty and administrative costs year-over-year and historical.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.