

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE OF FACULTY SENATE  
13 OCTOBER 2008

Attending: Seyed Allameh, Heather Bullen, Paul Cooper, Steve Crites, Adele Dean, Emily Detmer-Goebel, Ken Engebretson, Gary Hackbarth, Jon Gresham, Gretchen Kauscher, Barbara Klaw, Doug Krull, Andrea Lambert, Aron Levin, Julie Mader-Meersman, John Metz, Carl Miller (chair), Judy Voelker, Jeff Ward, Rob Zai

Guests: Mary Ryan

Absent: Hazel Barton, Rich Gilson (sabbatical), Jane Green, Clinton Hewan, Catherine Neal

Carl Miller opened the meeting at 3:02.

The September minutes were approved as written.

1. Budget Priorities Survey

Carl Miller described that each budget committee member should collect data on budget priorities from his or her department and provide frequencies for each question (i.e., On question 1, 3 indicated Critically important, 3 Very important, etc.).

Mary Ryan noted that we don't expect new funding, so budget priorities could only be addressed by internal redistribution. However, Mary Ryan also noted that both she and Provost Wells think it is valuable for the administration to be aware of faculty views. Moreover, Carl Miller noted that there have been budget items in the past that have been altered.

Many survey questions and related issues were discussed, including whether items that have been rated low in the past should be deleted and whether there should be a cap on the number of items, whether faculty salaries, compression, and equity among colleges should be separated, whether an item should address compensation (monetary or reassigned time) for mentoring of independent student research projects, whether there should be an item about free access to the health center, whether an item should be added with regard to the budget allocation for the university's cultural venues (e.g., galleries, museum), and whether there should be an item about training and ongoing support for SAP. There was also much discussion of the wording of questions.

There was some discussion of whether faculty should have the option of teaching a course for less compensation if there are fewer students than some pre-set level. On this point, it was noted that it is important to know the break-even point. It was also commented that perhaps compensation should be greater when the number of students substantially exceeds the break-even point.

It was agreed that the revised form would be sent to committee members who would then have a week to provide comments. After the form is finalized, it would be sent out.

It was decided that all full time faculty would get the budget priority survey.

2. Signs and Parking

Carl Miller thanked Ken Ramey for facilitating the posting of signs in Lot D.

Carl Miller also noted that if one loses a parking appeal, one must pay an extra \$5 fee. Is this appropriate? Also with regard to parking, visitors must park in garages and departments no longer have visitor passes for speakers, vendors who fix copying machines, etc. Perhaps these issues could be addressed in a later

meeting. Ken Ramey and Andy Meeks will attend the December 1 meeting and can address some of these concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.