

MINUTES OF BUDGET COMMITTEE OF FACULTY SENATE
9 FEBRUARY 2009

Attending: Seyed Allameh, Hazel Barton, Heather Bullen, Paul Cooper, Steve Crites, Adele Dean, Barbara Klaw, Doug Krull, Julie Mader-Meersman, John Metz, Carl Miller (chair), Judy Voelker, Jeff Ward, Rob Zai

Guests: Mary Ryan

Absent: Emily Detmer-Goebel, Ken Engebretson, Gary Hackbarth, Clinton Hewan, Rich Gilson (sabbatical), Jon Gresham, Gretchen Kauscher, Andrea Lambert, Aron Levin, Catherine Neal

Carl Miller opened the meeting at 3:05.

The January meeting had been canceled.

The December minutes were approved as written.

We saved some funds by shutting down some university functions over breaks. Over the Thanksgiving break 7,000 was saved. Over the semester break 25,000 was saved.

Fees

Carl had previously sent by email some information about fees. He suggested that we review it with regard to our personal interests and those of our departments. Immigration work used to be free to departments, but is now \$725/\$1000, depending on status; this would seem to conflict with our goal of increasing internationalization. We agreed to forward our concern about this to the senate. Parking fees are scheduled to increase by \$24 (\$290 to \$314). Several other fee changes were noted.

Proposed change in tuition fee structure

Currently credits above 12 are free. It is proposed that students should pay approximately 25% of the usual per credit fee for credits 13-16. There was discussion of whether this might discourage students from taking more than 12 credit hours (students must take 15 credits/semester to graduate in four years). Information from local universities suggests that this proposed change probably would not have a negative effect. Carl planned to seek additional information.

There is the possibility of a tuition freeze.

Parking

Carl had previously sent information about parking, including information from peer institutions. Our fees are high compared to most of our benchmarks. We discussed the parking proposals (Carl had sent these previously by email) from Scott Lang and Perilou Goddard. Many possibilities were discussed. On the one hand, there was much agreement that people with lower salaries should pay less. On the other hand, it was pointed out that parking fees have increased dramatically in recent years and it is difficult to accept that we might have to pay even more. It was suggested that it would be helpful to see a breakdown of how parking fees are used. Mary Ryan agreed to send the budget book to Carl.

It was suggested that we invite Ken Ramey and Andy Meeks to speak with us about parking.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19.