

Faculty Budget Priority Committee  
Monday, August 17, 2020  
Minutes

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Committee members present: Laura Luehrmann (President), Brian Boyd (Vice President), Eric Bennett (FBPC Vice Chair), Tom Wischgoll (CECS), Nimisha Patel (CEHS), Ashley Hall (CoLA), Sherry Farra (CoNH), Diane Huelskamp (Lake)

Guests present: Greg Sample, Burhan Kawosa, Sommer Todd

(1) Presentation by WSU Fiscal Team (Kawosa, Sample and Todd):

Discussion of FY 20 (\$1.9 million surplus); approval of FY 21 (\$18 million deficit).

SSI may be better than we were expecting, but still likely \$6 million less.

Expenditures: \$5 million loss of “adjunct budget” from Board’s June meeting has been reduced to \$2.1 million. We did not experience as much savings from the spring shutdown as one might expect.

Discussion about multiple sections per course and need for efficiency.

Discussion about enrollment trends, concerns about “Covid Year 2” as well as steady decline in new students.

(2) Update on Committee’s “Priority/Lens” document (Boyd)

Both for committee to use as our priority as well as for use by upper administration. Discussion about whether and how to share this document with the Board of Trustees in order to help them see our focus

(3) Agenda setting (Luehrmann and Bennett)

Health care impact (Medical Advisory Group recommending no increases in plan)

Enrollment, especially declining numbers of first year students (will need to analyze the impact of continued dip in first year students; rough projections with bounds would be helpful). Need to discuss compounding issue that, even with improvements in retention, we will be retaining a smaller number of students.

Next meeting: September 21