

Faculty Budget Priorities Committee
Monday, September 21, 2020
Minutes

Committee members present: Laura Luehrmann (President), Brian Boyd (Vice President), Eric Bennett (FBPC Vice Chair), Tom Wischgoll (CECS), Nimisha Patel (CEHS), Sara McGinley (CoLA, for Ashley Hall), Sherry Farra (CoNH), Diane Huelskamp (Lake), Janeece Warfield (SOPP), Barbara Hopkins (RSCOB)

Guests present: Burhan Kawosa, Sommer Todd

1. Fiscal update: (Todd and Kawosa)

Discussions focused on many of the same points raised at the BoT/Committee meetings last week, highlighting how we ended FY20 and plans for FY21.

11.6% down in enrollment; operating with likely \$12 million deficit.

Approximately \$30 million in outstanding debt.

CARES Act funding expires at end of December; then returns to ODHE.

Discussion about carryover funds, especially negative carryover funds. Todd shared that we are working to get this back to a 0 position; carryover money is not cash on hand for departments.

Questions were raised about process for hiring adjuncts for spring semester. Kawosa suggested that planning for courses that are deemed necessary should proceed, and that if there are questions/requests to cancel courses chairs should discuss with deans and deans with the Provost.

2. “Lens” Document: (Boyd)

Placed before the committee for formal consideration.

Patel motion, Wischgoll seconded.

The document was started late spring/early summer to inform priorities of FBPC, or provide a lens for which to help keep the committee and university focused on important priorities. Two committee members spoke in favor of the document, that it would help focus us on important issues and keep administration accountable. In addition to using this as a committee, recommended having this approved/sent to the Faculty Senate and others (admin, BoT) so they are clear on the priorities from this committee.

The committee approved the document, pending some wordsmithing in one paragraph, and will consider at the next meeting what will be done next with the document.

3. Preparation for next meeting: (Luehrmann)

Graduate education funding discussion. Luehrmann provided background about how/why this has evolved. Barry Milligan, Interim Dean of the Graduate School, and David Ladle, Chair of Graduate Academic Policies Committee, will be joining us for the next meeting.

Next meeting: September 28