

Minutes for Faculty Senate – Budget & Planning Committee (FSB&P) Meeting

Nov 12/18 at 3:30 pm in Strong Hall 611

Attendance: Larry McKay (chair), Ken Baker, Nick Geidner, Lou Gross, Beauvais Lyons, Alexandre Rodrigues, Beth Schussler & Tyler Wall.

Introduced members who were not able to attend the October meeting of the FSB&P committee.

Chris Cimino, Sr. VC Finance & Administration, sent regrets that he was unable to attend meeting and give his presentation on possible scenarios for new budget models.

Discussed how to proceed with some of the major activities outlined in the meeting on October 8, 2018. Details outlined below.

1. Faculty Salary Analysis (annual). Team of Lou Gross, Ken Baker and Lisa Driscoll will review salary data and prepare report. Data is usually available in January. McKay will send message to Denise Gardner to request salary data for tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty (if it is available).

2. Efforts to Increase Transparency in UT and UTK Budget Process. McKay will send invitations to the following administrators to either set up meetings with FSB&P or get reports. In some cases, more than one invitee will attend the same meeting, In other cases, subsets of the FSB&P committee may meet with the invitee, rather than the whole committee.

- Provost Manderscheid
- Interim Chancellor, Davis
- Interim President, Boyd, and Budget Director (will discuss with FS president, Anderson)
- Interim VC Research, Nobles
- Associate VC Facilities, Irvin
- VC Development & Alumni Affairs, Bryant
- VC Student Life, Carilli
- Graduate Dean, Thompson & Graduate Council (will likely meet with subgroup of FS B&P)
- Athletic Director, Fulmer
- Associate VC Human Resources, Lucal

3. Discussed possible funding-related questions for future meeting with Interim President, Randy Boyd:

- i) How do we justify a System budget of over \$56 million when Nebraska and Georgia, among others, have much leaner Systems?
- ii) The UT System Administration Budget approved by the BOT has **increased** by \$5.8M or 12% in the two-year period from FY2017 to FY2019. During this time the revenue for the entire UT System increased by only 1.9%. What new benefits or activities has the System provided for the campuses to justify this increase?
- iii) The UT System Administration Budget shows a **decrease** in revenue over FY2017 to FY2019 of \$3.5M (13%) and a huge increase in non-mandatory transfers to the System Administration (e.g. the total tax on campuses) from FY2017 to FY2019 of \$9.5M (a 47% increase) to pay for the Systems Administration budget difference. How is this justifiable?
- iv) What are some examples of savings within the UT System that have resulted from the Budget Advisory Group (BAG) initiative?

4. Set tentative agenda for future FSB&P meetings. All meetings will be at 3:30 pm in Strong Hall, room 611, unless indicated.

- Jan 7 – will include presentation by Chris Cimino on possible scenarios for new budget models
- Jan 28
- Feb 11
- March 25
- April 15