



The
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FACULTY SENATE

Financial & Physical Planning Committee
January 11, 2021 2:30 – 4:00 pm
Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present: Chris Burns (Faculty Senate President), Terri Donovan (RSENR), Teresa Cahill-Griffin (CNHS), Tony Julianelle (CEMS), Jane Knodell (CAS), Paul Philbin (LIB), Guillermo Rodriguez (CAS), Andrey Ukhov (GSB), Cory Teuscher (LCOM), Andrey Ukhov (GSB), Haley Woodside-Jiron (CESS)

Absent: Terry Bradshaw (CALs), Pending (SGA), Pending (LCOM), Pending (GSS)

Guests: No guests at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by chair Jane Knodell at 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams.

1. Approval of December Minutes. The minutes of December 7, 2020 were approved as written.

2. College Updates by Committee Rep.

- **RSENR**, there has been no updates announced. They have a faculty retreat tomorrow so perhaps they will be updated at that time.
- **CNHS**, there is a new dean starting at the beginning of the semester. They have been asked to look at what areas could be cut or consolidated. They expect to have some changes but are under the impression they will not happen until after the new dean starts.
- **CEMS**, they received a spreadsheet from their dean with the number of graduates in each program. So far there has been no discussion of cutting departments or programs. There has been some talk about breaking stats off from math and having stats merged with computer science and complex systems to form their own department. At this point it does not look like anything will be eliminated.
- **CAS**, the cuts were represented as a way to bring down the large deficit. The cuts that have been proposed are just a small percent of the large deficit in CAS. The faculty in CAS believe that there will be more cuts. The main focus for restructuring CAS was to “clean house” of low enrollment areas.
- **GSB**, at the end of last semester the dean talked about enrollment. That they don’t think they have any low areas; however, the associate dean will look into it.

- **LCOM**, they don't generally have access to what administration is doing. There is talk about bringing allied health into LCOM.
- **CESS**, there was an announcement that they have set up a Teams space to learn more about the budget and the budgeting process. There will be more information sessions on IBB for faculty. They will be meeting to discuss the programs that are following below enrollment targets.
- **LIB**, there are currently 11 open positions that are going unfilled. The Libraries are able to have positions filled as long as they can prove to the Provost that they need to be filled. They are also in negotiations with Elsevier.

- 3. Discussion of University-level developments.** There is no budget update until after the January 15th admissions deadline. The committee would like a presentation on IBB in the current fiscal year, and how subvention has worked over time.

Senate President Chris Burns raised some questions about the structural deficit, specifically asking what elements of expense are rising faster than revenue? Chris provided an update on the Faculty Senate leadership's work to add faculty representation to the restructure committee. The solution was to add subcommittees to the Steering Committee to include more faculty involvement. The FPPC stated its interest in reviewing the restructuring committee's fiscal assessment of restructuring proposals, and Jane will ask Patty if this is possible. All the colleges are represented on the steering committee except for CESS. Chris Burns will bring that back and request CESS has representation added to the Steering Committee.

There was a discussion of the December 2020 Full Senate debate about the Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. The FPPC reviewed this at the last FPPC meeting. The FFPC moved this to the Senate with a neutral endorsement. Though traditionally the CAC is the only Senate committee to review proposals, the FPPC also reviewed this proposal since there is a financial contribution from central funds. The full Faculty Senate approved this proposal after much discussion. The committee would like to continue to review programs that require strategic central funding. When strategic central funding is used is the money paid back to the budget? The committee would like a report of that the Provost spends the strategic central fund on and how the investments have worked out. Jane will invite the Provost to the February meeting to discuss some of these questions.

- 4. New Business.** Please send any new agenda items to Jane.

The FPPC meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm. The next meeting of the FPPC will take place on February 8, 2021 via Microsoft Teams.