

Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee
Minutes of the meeting 30 October 2005

Present: D. Barlow, W. Kuo, S. McMillan, J. Nolt, G. Reed, J. Whalen, C. White
Absent: L. Gross, G. Kuney, N. Schrick, J. Wansley

Meeting called to order at 3:35.

1) Review of existing documents.

- a) The committee reviewed the summary of the retreat planning session and agreed that it reflected input from faculty on the opportunities and challenges related to growth of the undergraduate population. Concern was expressed about whether we are “over doing” scholarships to undergraduates and perhaps “growing at the wrong end.” If the goal is to be a top-tier institution, more effort may be needed for recruiting graduate students. White agreed to take this concern to the enrollment management committee. Her summary and A. Mayhew’s response have been sent to the committee separately.
- b) NYT articles that discussed shifting funding models in higher education were reviewed and briefly discussed. A key point was the recognition that we need to do more to try to facilitate better public communication about higher education funding. The committee determined that it would be good to have Tom Milligan or his designee attend committee meetings in the coming year. Over the long term, we may want to consider a by-laws change to add his position to the committee as an ex-officio member.
- c) The committee agreed the goals distributed by e-mail were a “full agenda” for the year.

Nolt asked that item 2f should include discussion of energy and conservation issues. The committee agreed that it would be good to have Mike Sherrell attend the November meeting to discuss energy issues. Barlow has invited him to attend.

White asked how we should monitor repayment of the athletic department debt (item 2e). Barlow suggested the committee should request IRIS reports from the athletics office.

- 2) Development of an action plan. Some items will simply require one-time attention (e.g. faculty salary survey) while others will require more consistent monitoring (e.g. providing faculty input into planning and budget processes).

3) Budget hearings

The committee discussed the need to make the budget hearings more meaningful. A suggestion was to simplify what is reported and how it is reported. The need for planning further into the future was also identified. Clarification is also needed for budget allocations that do not go to the colleges. McMillan and Barlow will take ideas from the committee to the Chancellor’s Budget and Planning Committee that will meet on October 31.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.