

Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee
Minutes of the meeting 20 April 2006

Present: S. McMillan, J. Nolt, J. Whelan, C. White

Absent: D. Barlow, L. Gross, G. Kuney, W. Kuo, G. Reed, N. Schrick, J. Wansley,

Meeting called to order at 3:30.

- 1) Minutes of the 16 March 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Whelan, second by White, unanimous approval.
- 2) McMillan provided brief updates on several old business items
 - a) Campus budget hearings are completed. Committee members also have met with the chancellor and his staff to review priorities. Separate documents have been distributed that provided committee feedback on the budget hearings and also reported on the meeting with the chancellor.
 - b) The only system budget hearings to which we have been invited this year are athletics and the campus/system hearing. Athletics was held on April 12 and the campus hearing is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on April 26 (8th floor Andy Holt Tower).
 - c) Primary things reported in the athletics hearings were that the financial status of the athletics organization seems stronger this year than last. With conservative estimates, they are projecting good income for the coming year. They are planning to put money in reserves. And they have begun to pay back the loan that they received from the university last year. Unfortunately, they reported that the new name of the VASF will be simply the Volunteer Athletics *and* Scholarship Fund. We discussed the fact that this does not fully address the faculty concerns and is less acceptable than the Big Orange Fund idea that T. Carpenter had told us about earlier. But both the athletics department and the university president insisted that it was a sufficient change and that it was important to maintain the “brand equity” of the VASF.
 - d) We discussed feedback that we had gotten from the last faculty senate meeting on faculty salary survey data. We agreed that the committee next year should work on trying to get revised data that removed administrative stipends from the faculty salary data.
 - e) We agreed that the Living Wage will need to be an important issue for next year and asked White to try to get a member of the Living Wage Taskforce to agree to serve on the Budget and Planning Committee next year.
- 3) The committee reviewed the draft annual report of the committee and suggested changes. The revised version will be forward to D. Kennedy to be posted on the Senate Web site.
- 4) White nominated (with a second by Nolt) N. Shrick to serve as the chair of the Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee for the next year. He was elected unanimously. The committee discussed the need to also select representatives to the Enrollment Management committee and the Chancellor’s Budget and Planning Committee. Both of those should be elected early in the next academic year.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.