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Budget & Planning Committee
January 14, 2016
Minutes

Present: Lene Pedersen, Sathy Rajendran, Aimee Quinn, Brian Carroll, Carey Gazis, Cathy Anderson, George Drake, Ian Loverro, Kenneth Smith, Michael Young, Raj Nataraja, Kathy Temple, Janet Finke, Tim Englund

Absent: Wendy Cook

Guest(s): James Avey

Meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.

Introductions of committee members and guests.

Lene gave a background on the formation of the committee. As part of shared governance faculty are to be consulted in matters that relate to academics. Budget issues came to a head with RCM and Faculty Senate has been working on a way to formalize a process for faculty to give input. The Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) has faculty representatives that were appointed by the Provost, but there was not a good way to get a broader faculty input. Faculty Senate created the Task Force as way to start to institutionalize faculty input into the process. The Task Force was approved for a year and while Senate created a standing committee. It was agreed last May to have the BPC committee members as the faculty representatives to the BFC. However, that has not taken place yet.

Task Force recommendations. James Avey talked about what the Task Force did. James went through the Task Force recommendations. Focus was on implementation of RCM. The recommendations were 1. RCM formula should be changed, 2. Fixed and reduced overhead rates, 3. Subvention proposal for three years, revenue positive colleges subvent revenue negative colleges at 90% of their loss on weighted average 4. There should be no hybrid units (budgetary units receiving both overhead support and resources driven by the RCM formula). #2 the idea was that more of the overhead should go to academic departments. #3 was a do no harm model. The Academic & Student Life Council (ASCL) has a workgroup that has been charged to look at the overall distribution of funds.

Charges for the committee. Lene went over the committee charges.

College Dean Liaison – Lene asked if the committee would like to have a Dean work with the committee and is recommending Tim Englund.

Janet Finke brought up the summer budget and if this committee be working on that as well. Lene will formulate a charge for that.

Organization of committee work – Lene suggested that since this a large committee, the committee might want to consider meeting maybe every other Thursday and work in sub groups on the opposite weeks. There was a general consensus for that suggestion.

Elect a chair – Aimee Quinn & Kathy Temple were elected as co-chairs.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.