

**MINUTES**  
**FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING**  
**Thursday, September 6, 2018; 3:30 pm**  
**Business Building, room 3046**

Present: Valerie Barnett, Durant Bridges, Jessica Falcone, Robert Hachiya, Keith Hohn, Jordan Kiehl, Katie Kingery-Page, Brian Lindshield, Laurel Littrell, Jessica Meekins, Jeffrey Stevenson, and Bob Weaber  
Proxies: Brad Behnke and Heather Reed  
Liaisons: Lynn Carlin (absent)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm and introductions were made.
2. A committee photo was taken.
3. May 3, 2018 minutes were approved electronically.
4. 2018-2019 committee work

A. Budget Modernization

Littrell commented that this committee has invited several guests in the past year from the budget steering committee as well as others to keep informed and also provide input on the budget modernization for the university. On August 30<sup>th</sup> the new budget model was revealed. Some information is not yet available on the budget website in order to allow deans to disseminate the information they received to their units. After two weeks, information will be transparent. Members noted that **strategic enrollment management** will impact the budget and wonder how this committee will have input on that. Members spoke about the shadow year and bridge year and how to provide feedback. A good question to raise is what the **feedback mechanism** will be and how FSCOUP can contribute. Additionally, what is the time frame for various steps during the shadow year? Lindshield briefly shared conversation that occurred during the [First Tuesday Roundtable](#) meeting about the shadow year. He noted that each table had discussion and notes were taken about the feedback provided.

Some still have concern about the budget only extending to the dean level since that leaves much to the college in determining distribution. There are various concerns, of course, and this year will be crucial in understanding what the process will be. Members suggested inviting ones such as Ethan Erickson and others back to answer some follow up questions, now that the budget model is revealed. This may help alleviate some uncertainty and answer questions that have now come to mind. It was noted that this will be a multi-year phase-in process. The **governance structure**, once set up, will help determine how long the phase-in will

take. Again, it was noted this goes hand-in-hand with strategic enrollment management.

Another question raised was about **incentives** that will help service centers be efficient and keep costs down. It was stated they're going to benchmark our service centers and compare them to other universities as well, but of course, questions come with that too. It was noted that **fees** are not a part of the budget structure, but rather sit outside the structure. A robust process is currently in place that determines what college or department fees are approved, but as a transition occurs, it's important to keep that in mind as differential tuition, or other alternatives, are weighed. Since the committee title is the "Tuition Fees and Strategies Committee," it seems this falls under that purview. **Global campus** was also touched on and the overall topic of distance courses, as they relate to the budget, has been a topic of frequent discussion. Littrell thanked all for their thoughtful input.

- B. Continued review of University Handbook Section B95 concerning CCOPs  
Littrell reminded members how this topic of conversation came about. In Section B95 of the University Handbook, it mentions that the Faculty Senate office keeps a copy of the election procedures for CCOP bodies. Last spring, each committee member was asked to retrieve those from their college and if they were not available to work on creating them. Littrell received several CCOP election procedures, but a few are still missing. The co-chairs will contact those units that have not provided them. The committee may review that handbook language to determine whether updates need made.
- C. Campus building plans / renovation funds  
Littrell reported that a committee, headed by Heather Mills, will begin work this year to prioritize use of the fees collected for campus repairs, including renovation on classrooms. Last year Jack Ayres reported on the survey information collected and provided feedback about which classrooms were in most need of renovating, particularly with regard to furniture.
- D. Multi-year City/University Fund proposal  
Members were reminded that city/university funds are now reduced due to part of the funds being dedicated to north campus corridor improvements for the next several years. Improving cross walk safety and making repairs to the Campus Creek storm water drainage box were two projects approved to be worked on with funds from last year. Due to the heavy rains recently and flooding that occurred this need for repairs to the drainage box was highlighted even more. Funds now

have gone down to 250K each year, so a multi-year proposal will be submitted every three years. The leadership of the three senates will meet this semester to determine the overall strategy.

5. Announcements / Other

The State of the University Address will be on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Alumni Center.

The topic of college name changes was raised in response to a college considering this. College or department name changes were discussed with regard to the process and whether the current process is appropriate, which does not flow through Faculty Senate. Lengthy discussion occurred about the process and handling disagreements about a name change. This may need to be a future topic for discussion. It was inquired how other universities handle this kind of change. Littrell asked if someone was willing to research this. Falcone offered to do so and this will be discussed at a future meeting. A general comment made was that policy is something generally best thought out in advance rather than in reaction to a change. With that in mind, it may be best to consider for the future whether this type of change would be appropriate to go through a governance body structure.

6. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2018; 3:30 pm; 3046 Business Building