

## **Minutes, Budget Committee of the Academic Senate**

### **Meeting of May 3, 2010 (As approved, June 21, 2010)**

*Present:* Louis Romano (Substitute Chair), Donald DeGracia, Thomas Killion, Rita Kumar, Charles Parrish, Aleksandar Popadic, Assia Shisheva, William Volz, Robert Kohrman

*Absent with Notice:* Michael McIntyre, Judy Field, Winston Koo, Linea Rydstedt, James Woodyard

*Absent without Notice:* Charles Elder, George Alchammas\*

*Invited guests:* Phyllis Vroom, Acting Provost; John Davis, Vice President for Finance and Facilities Management

\*Liaison

1. The meeting began at 11:02 a.m. The minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2010 were approved.

2. *Review of proposal for dealing with vacant faculty positions.* The committee discussed the minor changes between the proposal developed by Mike McIntyre and the revision provided by Rob Kohrman that had been approved by the President's Strategic Planning Budget Committee. There was an extended discussion regarding the change in point 6, in which the new proposal now provides that a faculty line can be captured if it remains open for one year rather than two. Budget Director Kohrman indicated that this change should not be a problem because of the active search exception provided in point 7 and the ability of the provost to waive the capture upon the written request of a Dean. Some of the committee members expressed concern that a Dean might not reauthorize a search after an unsuccessful search and that this would lead to the capture of this position. However, others pointed out that this would lead to a loss of the position from the college and that Deans would not allow this to happen.

A motion was passed that the proposal be endorsed and forwarded to the Policy Committee.

3. *Review of the parking plan.* The committee discussed at length the Parking Operations: 5-Year Business Plan that had been provided to the committee as part of the BOG documents on Friday April 30, 2010 as well as the memo from Seymour Wolfson to Andrea Dixon regarding Parking Advisory Committee Issues. The chair described the history of the request for this document and indicated that there had been no consultation with the Budget Committee prior to the current meeting. He indicated that submitting this to the Board for approval was premature. Rob Kohrman said that this Business Plan was only on the BOG agenda as an

informational item and was not there for approval. He also indicated that the administration would welcome input from the Budget Committee provided that it was offered before June 1, 2010.

A committee member said that even if the Business Plan was only given to the Board as an informational item, it was still inappropriate that the Budget Committee had not been consulted prior to submission to the Board. In addition, the Business Plan makes reference many times to a 2009 consultant's report that has not been made available to the Budget Committee. The Substitute Chair suggested that the regular Chair of the Budget Committee appoint a sub-committee to review both the consultant's report and the Business Plan and report to the Budget Committee at the next committee meeting.

A committee member suggested that one way to make the substantial increase in the student parking fees proposed in the Business Plan palatable might be to allow subsequent parking without charge once a student paid on a particular day. The committee agreed that this was a good idea, and Rob Kohrman and VP John Davis indicated that they would look into the budget implications for such a change. The Chair asked why there were full charges for debt service for the year that the \$10 M bond was issued. VP Davis indicated that this was a mistake and that it would be corrected.

4. *Other matters going to the BOG.* Several items going to the BOG were briefly discussed. These included the Anthony Wayne Drive Enhancements, the Contingency Reserve Report, and the Budget Overview Presentation.

5. *Brief report from the chair regarding the tuition subcommittee.* The Chair described in general and non-specific terms the outline of the proposal that was being formulated by the tuition subcommittee. One member recommended that this committee consider how some current funds are being used, such as the new structure being built near Mattheai and the Strategic Initiative funds.

6. The committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Louis Romano