Minutes, Budget Committee of Academic Senate

Meeting of March 5, 2007 (As approved April 30, 2007)


Absent with Notice: Stephen Calkins; Charles Elder, Robert Ross, Vishwanath Sardesai.

Invited Guests: Nancy Barrett, Provost; Blair Anderson, Theatre; Gregory Auner, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Linda Beale, Law; David Bowen, Interdisciplinary Studies; Alfred Cobbs, German and Slavic Studies; Kevin Cotter, Economics; Anthony Crowley, Art and Art History; Farshad Fotouhi, Computer Science; Gwen Gorzelsky, English; Stephen Hillman, Education; K-L Catherine Jen, Nutrition and Food Science; Marc Krumian, History; Li Way Lee, Economics; Thomas Naughton, Business; Gilmour Peters, Communication Disorders; Marsha Richmond, Interdisciplinary Studies; Mary Rodgers, Chemistry; John Strate, Political Science; James Tucker, Biological Sciences; Avis Vidal, Geography and Urban Planning; Jogindra Wadehra, Physics and Astronomy; Douglas Whitman, Psychology; Angela Wisniewski, Academic Senate.

Policy Committee Members: Victoria Dallas; Lothar Spang; Anca Vlasopolos; Seymour Wolfson; Russell Yamazaki

*Liaison

1. The meeting convened in the Community Room of the Undergraduate Library at 11:03 a.m. The chair offered greetings to the chairs of the college and department budget committees and the members of the Policy Committee, who had been invited to the meeting. He also introduced to the group Mr. Robert Kohrman, the new Assistant Vice President for University Budgets. He then turned the meeting over to Provost Nancy Barrett.

2. Presentation by Provost Barrett. For the benefit of the invited guests, Provost Barrett gave an overview of the history of the methods of financing the University, showing that the percentage of the budget coming from tuition has increased sharply in recent years and the percentage coming from the State has declined sharply over that period. She then used her budget model to illustrate the way that tuition increases, budget cuts, and state appropriations interrelate. She also discussed the fiscal issues facing the state and indicated that the governor’s proposal for a 2.5% increase in funding from the state is the rosy scenario.

3. Adjournment. The committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Michael J. McIntyre