

Academic Planning and Budget Committee

Thursday, February 3, 2022
via TEAMS

MINUTES

Present: K. Beckman, S. Cashin, M. Cosgrove, T. Dunn, N. Fleisher, J. Herriges, J. Kapellusch, P. Klajbor, G. Lukaszewicz, T. Malaby, D. Misra, W. Otieno, B. Peters, V. Sibilkov, K. Surerus, A. Swartz

Guests: J. Britz, J. Bradway, E. Parcell, J. Reisel

- i) Call to order-The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
- ii) Approval of the minutes from December 16, 2021-The minutes were approved as submitted.
- iii) Provost's Update-Provost Britz updated the committee.
 - a. UWM has retained R1 status.
 - b. UW-System has announced their new President, J. Rothman, who will be replacing T. Thompson.
 - c. Freshwater Collaborative will continue to be a goal for our campus.
 - d. Campus is working on several areas to increase diversity.
 - e. Campus is working on increased funding requests.
 - f. UW-Madison will announce their new Chancellor soon who will work with the new System President and all of the System schools.
 - g. A new retirement initiative has been announced. This VSIP will be for those eligible. Not all schools/colleges will be participating.
 - h. One time carry forward funding will be available for some areas to invest in initiatives. This is good news for some areas eligible to enhance their programs.
 - i. School/College re-alignment has gone to the Regents for approval and has gone well.
 - j. Emeritus Faculty can now be on doctoral committees.
- iv) Distance Education Fees-The Provost and Secretary of the University J. Reisel were able to update the committee on the

Distance Education Fee structures and progress made. Campus Administration will decide on the fees for distance education courses. The rates will have to keep UWM competitive and allow for UWM's costs. Individual courses/instructors will not be able to decide their own fees. This will also help with budgets across campus as the fees will be uniform.

- v) Chairs' Update-The General Education Requirement group is still gathering information and will present their report to the committee later in the Spring.

The committee discussed having some budget training or review in the Spring or Summer to help alleviate some of the training and time required in the Fall. The committee will discuss their options at a future meeting.

- vi) Restructuring of L&S Communication Department. Dissolving of JAMS-J. Bradway and E. Parcell were in attendance to discuss the proposal with the committee. The committee did discuss the proposal and had few concerns.

Members of the committee expressed concern about the lack of representation on the EC by members of the JAMS program (who are all academic staff) as the EC has budgetary and personnel control over this program. The committee was glad to hear that both sides feel it is going well now but note that can change over time. It was suggested that the process and criteria to be used by the EC to make decisions about the JAMS program be developed and written down (if not already) to help ensure that both sides have a clear understanding and expectations going forward.

The committee did move to approve the proposal unanimously. The concerns will be forwarded to Academic Affairs.

- vii) Member updates-T. Malaby announced that the Physical Environment committee will be meeting to discuss campus improvement including groundbreaking on the new Chemistry Building.
- viii) New Business-There was no new or other business.
- ix) Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.