

Academic Planning and Budget Committee

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Via TEAMS MINUTES

Present: S. Boyd, S. Cashin, W.H. Davies, T. Dunn, N. Fleisher, R. Freer, P. Klajbor, T. Malaby, W. Otieno, G. Rodger, A. Schutz, K. Surerus, A. Swartz, S. Tripathi

Absent: G. Dukes, K. Hartman, G. Lukaszewicz, G. Williams

Guests: S. Gronert, C. Kluge, D. Knab, D. Qu, M. Rahman

- i) Call to order-The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
- ii) Approval of the minutes from November 3, 2022-The minutes were approved as submitted.
- iii) Provost's Update-Interim Provost Gronert was on hand to update the committee.
 - a. The Provost has been meeting with System over the past few months about new program approvals across the System. This involves reviewing guidelines on how programs are proposed and how the NOI process works. Some of the forms may change in the future. The Provost will share the changes as they become available.
 - b. Budget meetings concluding and the budget will be working on being finalized so it can go on to Madison in the Spring.
 - c. Graduate & TA stipends/funding continue to be an area that needs to be worked on/addressed. Enrollment decline has effected the funding dramatically. The campus is working on this so that funding can be in place for the Fall of 2023. It may take more time for longer term solutions to the funding issues that UWM is facing.

The committee continued to discuss the difficulty of funding and Graduate Student Stipends. The committee discussed the difficulty in finding ways to keep funding competitive salaries compared to other universities to attract graduate assistants and teaching assistants. The benefits of GTAs were discussed along with the challenges that GTAs face. It is important that UWM value all positions and needs to work on better funding solutions in order to attract people at all levels. The staff at all levels should be valued to enable campus to give a better experience to the students.

- iv) Budget update-Kluge & Knab-C. Kluge and D. Knab updated the committee on the Budget Review/Process. The Budget team discussed the next steps in the process. Meetings will continue with another update planned for December.
- v) Mechanical Engineering PhD Proposal-M. Rahman and D. Qu represented Mechanical Engineering for K. Pillai.-The committee thought the proposal was well written and welcomed the candor of the proposal.

MOTION: The committee unanimously approved the proposal.

- vi) Chairs' Update-The chairs will be going to more of the budget meetings with the Budget Team. They will work on getting more information on details that can be shared with the committee to help illuminate the budget and the actuals as the budget gets finalized.
- vii) Member Updates-The Physical Environment Committee (PEC) met, and the Naming subcommittee of the PEC has met for some naming options around campus. There will be announcements made soon about these naming endowments.
- viii) New Business-There was no new or other business.
- ix) Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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