

Academic Planning and Budget Committee

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Via TEAMS

MINUTES

Present: B. Campbell, E. Cochrane, H. Davies, T. Dunn, N. Fleisher, R. Freer, S. Gronert, P. Hinow, P. Klajbor, G. Rodger, J. Roberts, J. Steinheiser, A. Swartz, A. Talsma, G. Williams

Absent: S. Cashin, S. Tripathi

- i) Call to order-The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
- ii) Approval of the minutes from September 21, 2023-The minutes were approved as submitted.
- iii) Provost Update-The Provost was unable to attend.
- iv) Chairs' Update-
 - Jason Puskar will present at the next meeting about the findings of the Working Group on UW-Washington County and its recommendations.
 - GER Reform Working Group-A. Swartz is on the committee and was able to give an overview of some of the discussions. There have been concerns across campus about the impacts changes to the General Education Requirements (GERs) will have on departments/programs.
 - How will this affect budgets in already difficult budget situations?
 - How will these changes affect enrollments and retention in already challenging areas?

The committee hopes to have its recommendations to the Senate by Spring 2024. During the Budget meetings this fall the issues may come up/be addressed. The implementation of these changes would happen over time and may take six or more years to affect students.

 - Provost Town Hall budget cuts/information is unclear but

will it affect the budget meetings for the upcoming APBC budget meetings? The Town Hall seemed to indicate significant cuts may be needed for some areas including program closures. S. Gronert will be having a Letters and Science Town hall to discuss some of the upcoming issues on October 6. The committee felt that areas of growth should also be highlighted in these discussions. Enrollment components as well as retention focus could help with the budget discussions.

- v) Member updates-There were no member updates.
- vi) New Business-There was no new or other business.
- vii) Adjournment-the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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