

University Budget Committee

April 25, 2018

2-3 PM

Willamette Room

MINUTES

1. Call-to-order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Present: Jay Kenton (Co-chair), Dan Clark, Malissa Larson, Richard Kavanagh, Judy Vanderburg, Randi Lydum, Eric Bruce, Katherine Schmidt (Co-chair), Cheryl Beaver, David Foster, Debbie Braun, Louann Casares, Laura Tierney, Michael Ellis, Natasha Roman, Ailyn Angel, Amanda Kiflay, Camarie Campfield

2. Approval of 18 April 2018 Minutes

The minutes were not discussed.

3. Process Discussion: Reviewing and Prioritizing Initiatives

Schmidt and Kavanaugh reported that they had met with President Fuller last week and created a form for which to rank the initiatives as a result. The committee will rank the initiatives from 1 (strongly disagree) - 10 (strongly agree) as well as give a recommendation for the funding levels. The committee was directed to submit the form to Kavanaugh by 4 p.m. on Friday.

Committee members voiced concerns about the Likert scale being measured by the level of which the initiative is aligned with strategic priorities, since they could say that every proposal does that. Schmidt suggested that each member simply rank (1-10) according to how important the initiative is to her/him individually. The committee discussed whether the scores will be averaged or if the count for each ranking will be reported. Kavanaugh elaborated that he is planning on averaging the rankings, but also having the hard count data available. He also pointed out that he likes this scale because the initiative is not being ranked against one another, but rather evaluated as a stand-alone idea. Schmidt explained that the point of ranking is so that she can compile a lean, succinct report to present to President Fuller, as well as give him the comments that were compiled on each initiative so that if he wishes, he can see the whole thought process.

Kenton iterated that this is a one-time opportunity to invest this money and if the committee feels strongly that this money should be spent on revenue generating items that

that should be included in their report to the President. Beaver mentioned the bargaining processes that are going on and states that she wants to be clear that UBC support of initiatives should not mean that the committee is saying they would rather the money be spent on the initiatives instead of going towards salaries. Schmidt agreed to include the point in her report to President Fuller. Kavanaugh suggested that each committee member could submit a one paragraph personal statement about personal priorities and what lenses they were using in their evaluation.

Schmidt shared that she talked to President Fuller about whether or not the initiative fund and athletic scholarships were revenue generating, and he said that they could be viewed that way, but she did not indicate it on the form because it was not as clear as the other two recurring initiatives. Kenton argued that the athletic scholarships would be revenue generating because there is research shows that student-athletes often bring others with them to enroll at the University.

It was confirmed that the committee will have an extra two-hour meeting on the following evening (5-7 p.m.) to discuss the proposals as a group.

Kenton recommended that in the following year the initiative review process starts in December because at that point in the year fall enrollment levels will be known which will be a major indicator for whether the University is looking at cuts or investments, or maybe a little bit of both, for the budget. He suggested the committee meet with the next VPFA and write budget instructions. Also, that the budget hearings should be with UBC and the President's cabinet both present together so that they get to hear the same information. Then each group can separate and make their own recommendations. He also stated the committee should have the opportunity to ask questions of every proposal.

Kenton clarified that the strategic initiative fund will be up to President Fuller's discretion on how to spend the money. This fund will be recurring if President Fuller delegates the money to one-time investments, but whatever he delegates to recurring items will reduce the pool for the following budget year.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.