

January 12, 2015  
Approved Minutes  
Of The ASU Planning, Budget, and Facilities Senate Committee

---

Date: January 12, 2015

Location: Gamble 106

Members Present: Cathy MacGowan, Debra Hagerty, Erik Nordenhaug, Beth Childress, Wendy Wolfe, Greg Wimer, Jean Neils-Strunjas, Megan Baptiste-Field

Ex Officio Members Present: Yassaman Saadatmand, Rebecca Carroll, David Ward, Chris Corrigan, David Wheeler

Guests: Katie Twining

Meeting was called to order by Erik Nordenhaug at 3:05pm

Agenda item 1: Minutes from November 10, 2014 PBF meeting had been previously approved (last semester) by email. It was agreed that future minutes would similarly be shared, edited as needed, and approved via email to expedite submission to the senate.

Agenda item 2: Chris Corrigan, the new V.P. for Business and Finance, was introduced to the committee. He communicated his support of increased transparency to the campus community regarding financial matters and stated that he welcomes input and questions from faculty regarding the budget and other financial issues. With regard to transparency, Mr. Corrigan also agreed that the current format of the budget that is placed in the library for review by faculty and interested constituents is difficult to interpret. He proposed that while it may take some time to generate an electronic report that simplifies the hard copy data, that it is something he is familiar with doing at his previous place of employment. He was amenable to this suggestion.

Agenda item 3: January's senate budget presentation was discussed. Mr. Corrigan requested information on the amount of time that could be allotted for the presentation, given the recent communication by faculty senate leadership that administrative presentations last no longer than 15 minutes. It was agreed that the nature of the budget presentation would likely necessitate a longer time slot, particularly in order to give faculty an opportunity to ask questions. Erik Nordenhaug will contact faculty senate president Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas to inquire about an extension. It was agreed (a) to request an email be sent to all senators requesting consultation with departments to elicit questions for the budget presentation and (b) that PBF committee members would similarly consult with their departments and others on campus. Questions will be sent to Erik Nordenhaug and/or Wendy Wolfe for consolidation and distribution to Chris

January 12, 2015  
Approved Minutes

Of The ASU Planning, Budget, and Facilities Senate Committee

Corrigan so that he can gather any data needed to respond to faculty questions. He additionally offered to get back to the senate if he is unable to answer questions during the presentation.

Agenda item 4: Two bills to be brought to the next senate meeting for faculty vote were introduced (see attachments A and B below). While there was some discussion about the likelihood of a 3% cut in state appropriations coming to fruition, the Teaching Priority Bill was voted on by the committee and was passed after a friendly amendment to clarify that the bill requests that “no **permanent** reclassifications of vacant teaching positions (e.g., from tenure-track to temporary lines) occur in the FY 2016 or the FY 2017 budgets”. Committee members shared some concerns about the word “approval” to characterize faculty involvement in future planning of budget cuts. It was agreed that since the faculty senate does not give ultimate approval on the budget that the word “support” may be more appropriate. A friendly amendment changed the wording from “approval” to “support” and the bill was passed and will be forwarded to the senate.

Meeting ended 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Erik Nordenhaug & Wendy Wolfe, PBF Co-Chairs

January 12, 2015  
Approved Minutes  
Of The ASU Planning, Budget, and Facilities Senate Committee

---

ATTACHMENT A

The Teaching Priority Bill (includes friendly amendment revision)

Whereas Armstrong’s mission is “teaching-centered and student focused” (as stated in our official mission statement); and

Whereas the faculty senate and its Planning, Budget, and Facilities committee have been informed about the FY 2016 budget planning narrative which includes the proposed elimination of vacant teaching lines in the event of a 3% reduction in state funding;

The faculty senate requests that no cuts to vacant teaching positions and no permanent reclassifications of vacant teaching positions (e.g. from tenure-track to temporary lines) occur in the FY 2016 or the FY 2017 budgets.

ATTACHMENT B

The Shared Planning of Future Budget Cuts Bill (includes friendly amendment revision)

Whereas no input was sought from the faculty senate and its Planning, Budget, and Facilities committee to help identify planned budget cuts and reallocation strategies that could be implemented without harming the primary teaching mission of the university;

The faculty senate requests that any future proposed budget cuts and narratives be submitted to the Faculty Senate Planning, Budget, and Facilities committee and the faculty senate for discussion of potential modifications and support of its final form prior to submission to the USG and BOR.