

EKU Faculty Senate Budget Committee Meeting Minutes – Approved Oct. 7

September 16, 2016, 1:00 PM, Keen Johnson Building

Committee Members Present: Marco Ciocca, Zek Eser, Erik Liddell, Shirley O'Brien (ex officio), Randall Swain, Janna Vice (ex officio), Sara Zeigler

Absent: John Fitch, Barry Poynter (ex officio)

Others: Melinda Compton, Sherry Robinson, Tanlee Watson

No specific action was taken at the meeting, which was informational and discussion-based.

Discussion items:

Program Review Presentation by Provost Vice, including the Academic Budget Review Subcommittee's "data sheet" analyses and the Council on Academic Affairs' Sept. 15 decisions.

Concern was expressed by some members of the committee about the Academic Budget Subcommittee and a full analysis of academic costs prior to undertaking any program review, and about faculty not having received specific updates about the budget process over the summer.

It was suggested that other methods, such as a voluntary shared sacrifice approach across all academic programs might well have resulted in more potential savings than the CAA ultimately approved in its voted suspensions of Sept. 15.

According to the schedule, Senate will have its opportunity to vote on each program on October 3.

Concern was expressed that the Board of Regents was not likely to be satisfied with the results of the Program Review (in conjunction with other efforts across the institution), leaving them in a position to take what other or additional actions they deemed necessary. The Provost expressed agreement with that assessment and added that in a sense we have to go back to, or are still at, the drawing board.

Concerns about the newly proposed Health Care Plan, both the process and the result, were expressed and discussed.

Finally, a concern was expressed about ensuring that the university consider questions of the public good in a full and consistent manner.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 PM.