

## **Budget Council Minutes**

September 21, 2018

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2:00 p.m.

### **Attendees**

Present: Mei-Fang Lan, Danielle Grosse, Kirli Serdar, George Kolb and Meera Sitharam.

Absent: Renee Goodrich, Keith Schneider and Jay Watkins.

### **Call to Order**

Interim Council Chair Meera Sitharam called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The [April 20, 2018 Minutes](#) were approved.

### **Introduction of Council Members and Liaisons**

Council members and liaisons were introduced.

### **Overview of Budget Council Mission and Past Activities**

Budget Council's work of previous years, namely the financial transparency portals and tuition revenue snapshots were explained.

Lan pointed out she could not log-in to the financial transparency portal as it asked for a 2<sup>nd</sup> log-in besides the Gatorlink. Grosse had the same problem. Kirli and Sitharam faced no issues. Neither did Kolb. Eventually it was determined that the Dept. Security Admin had not given the "universal" role to Lan, which everyone who requests it should receive.

The charge of the [Budget Council](#) was reviewed.

The question of conflict of interest when chairs and other administrators allocate budgets was brought up. While this does not seem to fit into the Budget Council's charge (the closest item in the charge being ensuring that allocations are consistent with Faculty Senate actions), the question came up as to which Faculty Senate body would even suggest policy or monitor such conflict of interest issues; the question will be posed at the next Steering Committee meeting.

### **2018-19 Agenda/Topic Suggestions**

An inquiry was made as to whether compensation for different faculty assignments had to come from different, specific colors of money. While this appears not the case for academic faculty with different research/teaching assignments, nor even administrative assignments (unless through a separate appointment), the question concerned clinical assignments. The question was whether clinical appointment compensations were paid entirely from other revenues (fees, etc.) than tuition or state (general funds).

Finally, the various offices who had come in to talk to the Budget Council in the past were reviewed. A request was made to bring in the Dean of Student Affairs to ask how they allocate their budget, as well as the Provost to perhaps ask some of the above mentioned questions.

**Election of 2018-2019 Budget Council Chair**

There was one nomination for chair, Kirli Serdar. He is able to serve as council chair only in the Spring.

The current chair is on sabbatical and it is hoped that someone will be nominated and elected at the next meeting.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.