

Budget Council Meeting
Minutes
September 13, 2010
1-3 PM
226 Tigert

Attendees:

Regina Bussing
James Klausner
Marc Heft
Matt Fajack
Pradeep Kumar
Cheri Brodeur
Susan Sinnott

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM

The council will review the charges from the Faculty Senate chair at the October meeting. The council has been requested to explain RCM to the Senate and discussed having a repository for comments on the budget council's webpage.

Matt Fajack stated that he is working on creating a RCM operating manual based on the nuts and bolts training. He will also provide the council with a monthly update on the budget environment.

Brian Harfe is helping with monitoring RCM from the faculty point of view and he is developing a FAQ.

The council discussed the recent merit raises. All colleges received 4% of their lines for salary increases based on merit. The union distributed that as 2% across the board and 2% merit. All colleges implemented the salary increases individually. The tuition increase will go to RCM centrally and in the future colleges will be responsible for their own merit increases. The administration is still negotiating with the union on this proposal.

The council will invite deans to a council meeting in order to discuss and understand practical problems colleges are facing in order to create a list of issues to resolve. The council will develop standard questions to discuss with the Deans. The council also discussed college by college revenue streams and the consequences of a change in revenue.

Matt Fajack reported concern from donors about taxation of donations for gifts and endowments but not donations to research.

The council discussed IDCs, research and training grants and inter and multidisciplinary teaching, which the council feels should be incentivized. There was a discussion of whether sponsored projects should be charged or whether they should be strategic.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM