

Budget Council Meeting
Minutes
November 7, 2014
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendance:

Florin Curta, Meera Sitharam, Jim Seale, Laurie Taylor, Sue Alvers, Greg Dubois, and Garrett Robinson.

Florin Curta called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. He welcomed the members and the September minutes were approved.

Budget Books and Templates

Meera Sitharam gave a short history about what the council has been working on since last year. They had two meetings with Matt Fajack (the CFO at that time) to discuss what kind of information should be on the template. The idea was to find a commonality in output for all colleges' use. Members of the council will also generate set of guidelines to assist college budget councils. Budget Council has been working with Greg Dubois to create an online template for college budget councils. This will allow faculty to go to a website and pull up the current budget status of a college and/or departments. Greg showed the first draft online template and asked the council for feedback to improve. Members were wondering how many levels users should have when they drill down for information. Also, it was noted that many of the words are in accounting terms, so these will have to be re-labeled. Greg will make adjustments and return with another draft for the next meeting.

Other Matters

The University Libraries Committee has asked that the senate approve a resolution requesting that the President and Provost reinstate the UFOAP fund with a commitment of \$360,000 from the University Strategic Fund to be allocated at a rate of \$120,000 per year, commencing January 2015. Pradeep Kumar, Chair of the Faculty Senate, asked the Budget Council to consider the matter and report to the Steering Committee. After some discussion, the Council gave Florin approval to report back to Steering Committee that this resolution is premature and note that there has not been enough discussion on the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.