Faculty Council Minutes

2/5/2021

Call to order: 3:02

44 participants

Delegates: 18

Guests: 21

Quorum check: We had Quorum

Guest speaker: President Turner discusses bills, legislation, budget and answers questions regarding expectations.

Current budget: Possible flat budget. Possible 2% cut down the line. Fund backlog of unendowed chairs. 10mil less each year since 2016. 3.9% cut start this year.

* Nathan Green Asks: Change over chancellor? Not until 9/2021.

Regarding distorted information: NSU does not have a vaccination event. It’s a Fed and state health department issue.

Other Topics:

Renee brings up flat budget for the fall, 2% down; what can faculty do to increase enrollment? What can faculty do, what would president turner like to see us do?

5th day of the new legislature, we don’t know much yet. We might know more after February 22nd, 2021.

31% budget comes from the state. The rest is tuition and private donors.

Dr. Farina King asked: I am not sure but was there more reference to NSU and opportunities for vaccination of faculty and staff, and students and community? The state is not ready for phase 3 yet.

Jeffrey Maloney: Can/will NSU advocate/encourage students and faculty to seek vaccines?

We should encourage faculty, employees, staff to get the vaccine—set an example for the students.

Positive note: revenue is not expected to fail for the fiscal year 2021. The fiscal year 2022 will be affected by enrollment growth, which needs to make up a 22% decline.

Corrections: Dr. Landry’s name to be corrected. Discrepancy on the number of delegates present at the last meeting. There were 19 delegates at the previous meeting.

Old Business:

* Course Eval questions: Dr. Ferrell and Dr. Ross are working on it, will provide a report by March.
* Lock Policy: locks still need to be changed for buildings. Push for keys to be replaced, but concern for the keys not being returned.

Nathan will touch in with Chief Bell on miscommunication about who has access to keys.

Nathan to check on how this will affect the public storm shelters at the BA campus and the UC in Tahlequah.

If anyone loses access to their building, contact Nathan Green about it.

New Business:

* Follow up on enrollment, retention, and recruitment ideas or questions from earlier the discussion with President Turner.

David Maloney: students are asking about VCM options. Will we still offer VCM options? Or will students need to contact professors about this option? Will professors have the power to approve of this? Renee to follow-up on this.

* NSSE Data: from retention committee is asking us to review data on the institutional effectiveness website. Are there any data points that stand out, any recommendations about those data points?
* CoE Celebration: Asynchronous video to celebrate this year and last year’s honorees. We will push it out through social media, and it will be on the Faculty Council website.

Nomination forms will go out Monday. There will be a week of nominations.

* Dr. Farina King discusses wellness. What can faculty do? Dr. King to possibly lead a team. Anyone interested in joining Dr. King, please reach out to her. Follow up next month.
* University committee reports. Call to action: strategic plan needs to be updated by March 4th, 2021.

Faculty development and research sent an email regarding travel. The deadline for research has been extended.

* Survey coming from Dr. Renee Cambiano about university-wide committees. 21/22 university committees in need of FC representative. Sit on a committee and provide reports at faculty council meetings.
* Feedback from faculty who cannot attend: they do not hear updates from their delegates from meetings.
* Next month’s guest speaker suggestion: Robert Hails and Jerol Skinner.
* Jerol Skinner: respondus has a new update that synchs with zoom. Also, close captioning is up and running.

Motion for adjournment: so moved 4:47 pm