Faculty Council Budget Committee Meeting
November 19, 2020, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Zoom Video Conference
Faculty Council Budget Committee

MINUTES

Attending: Diana White (Chair, UCD), Monique French (Vice Chair, UCCS), Vicki Grove (Secretary, UCB), David Paradis (UCB), Laura Argys (UCD), Carol Dee (UCD), Christine Martell (UCD), Anna Faria (UCCS), Rhonda Glazier (UCCS), Chad Marturano (SYS), Jonelle Henning (SYS)

1. Discussion on committee charge and relationship/inclusion with System administration
   a. Diana noted charges at other institutions’ faculty budget committees state they are consulted on key budgetary issues.
   b. It was recommended to invite VP of Academic Affairs, Michael Lightner, to a meeting since he may provide additional insight working closely with Faculty Council and System Administration.
   c. Members discussed their role of being an advisory committee, the desire to be more relevant, build more rapport with administration, and develop a framework to be more involved with budget decisions. Dr. Allen brought up the following questions to consider:
      i. Whether it’s collaboration or perspectives on budget, what’s reasonable for this group?
      ii. What do we want our work to be?
      iii. What do we want to be advised on?
      iv. What do we want to consider?
      v. What do we want to give back to the administrators?
      vi. When do we want to be advised?

2. Budget updates with Chad Marturano
   a. Members shared their interest in learning more about CU’s audit process. Chad recommended inviting AVP/University Controller, Robert Kuehler.
      i. These resources were shared: CU Controller and CU Financial and Compliance Audit
   b. The governor’s budget request for FY 2020-21 came out on November 2, restoring state funding for higher education to FY 2019-2020 level. There will be no pay increase for state employees, and tuition increase will be capped at 3%.
   c. CU and other state governing boards are devising a strategy of lobbying, they will advocate holding the line of FY 2019-2020 while also having a more reasonable budget in 2021-2022.
   d. There is an organization lobbying for a state employee pay increase of 2%.
   e. Chad also shared CU’s Affordability website and their video on Student Financial Aid.

3. DEI micro-training with Dr. Brenda J Allen
   a. Dr. Allen presented on micro-affirmations - small, positive messages that explicitly recognize and value an individual, tiny acts of opening doors to opportunity and graceful acts of listening.
   b. The presentation was shared with the listserv along with the overview video for her course on inclusive leadership and the Coursera Inclusive Leadership Course.
4. Meeting Adjournment: 1:04 PM