Minutes of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee
Henry Zot, Presiding
November 12, 2018 at 2 pm
Conference Room Biology 279A
Approved, November 28, 2018

Members Present: Liz Baker, Laura Caramanica, Michele Crafton, Shelly Elman, Heather Mbaye, Tim Schroer, Andrea Stanfield, Jim Sutherland, Young Suh, Jack Wei, Henry Zot, Taylor Wolf.

Non-members present: Kyle Marrero

Absent: Blynn Olivieri, Leanne DePooe, Anne Gaquere, Dave Fraboni, Scot Lingrell

1. Committee chair (Zot) called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

2. Motion to approve Sept. 25, 2018 minutes passed.

3. Kyle Marrero (President) shared UWG’s FY 2020 Budget Discussion with the faculty before its release to the public in March 2019. This document was one of two attachments to the agenda for the Budget Committee’s meeting November 12. Faculty Senate is permitted to distribute the document among faculty using internal correspondence. Please be aware of one notable change since this document was written and submitted to USG, namely, that UWG is no longer requesting a fee to fund the improvements of the Athletic Complex facilities described in a third paragraph on page 26.

- As a result, mandatory fees remain the same as FY2019. Individual fees for Housing and Dining will increase slightly. Changes to fees tied to courses are still being determined.
- Fee reconsideration is driven indirectly by recent prohibitive increases in construction costs for new on-campus housing. Other housing options are under consideration including a shift to new contractual agreements for off-campus housing.

4. Kyle Marrero presented UWG’s list of priorities submitted to the FY 2020 budget hearing of USG.
- Priorities breaks down as follows
  - Conversion of eTuition Positions $1.6 M
  - New Funding
    - Faculty Promotion and Tenure $0.25 M
    - Assumption of Health Care Benefits Costs $0.5 M
    - *Salary Equity – Faculty and Staff $0.90 M
    - *New Faculty Positions $0.84 M
  *Likely to be unfunded
- Enrollment changes present new challenges. While headcount grew 1.6%, this includes a decline in face-to-face students and a larger increase in 100% on-line students. On-line students are exempt from paying most mandatory fees. This negatively affects the financing of Athletics, Health Services, and Parking and Transportation. No change in growing on-line programming is planned or desired. It is hoped that new cost recovery opportunities will arise.

5. Meeting was adjourned 3:00 pm.

6. No new meetings are scheduled in 2018.