



Minutes **APPROVED VIA EMAIL**

Faculty Senate Budget Committee

March 26, 2024

Online Meeting

1. Roll call

Present: Caramanica, Cole, Dunagan, Dutt, Gibbs, Keohan Burbridge, Rollins, Rutledge, Snipes, Teal, Williams.

2. Approval of minutes from January meeting:

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Pam Dunagan motioned to approve, seconded by Laura Caramanica. Approved.

3. Slidedeck from Strategic Enrollment Management - Fall 2023 Enrollment Summary

[FS Presentation February 2024.pptx - Google Slides](#)

4. Budget updates from Faculty Senate, March 15

- FY24 restoration of \$66 to USG (\$1.6M cut for UWG). We will likely not get the full \$1.6M back for FY24
- FY24 money for Anthropology demolition. Awaiting final approval for the demolition from Gov. Kemp, but all funding is secured. Anticipating demolition will occur Fall 2024
- New MMR funding - boilers and chillers
- FY25: COLA not yet approved as it is in the House; restoration of \$66 M to USG (our division to-be-determined); awaiting approval for rest of Pafford renovation from the Senate
- FY25: GA/GRA/TA allocation was \$530k, down from \$850k last year

5. New business

Questions

1) The cut to GA/GRA/TA assistantship awards is \$320,000, the difference between \$850,000 for AY2023-2024 and \$530,000 for AY2024-2025. At a time when graduate enrollment is increasing and the university is focused on



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experiential learning (which occurs in GRA/GA/TA assistantships), what reasons drove this cut? Where is the \$320,000 being re-deployed?

2) Faculty are troubled by the lack of directly accessing needed materials for their courses and research. Obtaining a copy of needed articles and books through interlibrary loan takes time and effort. What were the reasons for the budget cuts to the library, especially as library resources are central to SACSCOC Accreditation? Are there plans to restore funding?

3) What academic programs are being sunsetted?

4) Does income from flourishing graduate programs support less-successful graduate programs? ANSWER: Graduation tuition is added to the budget and can be used to help balance the budget as a whole.

Blynn will request responses to questions 1-3.

Discussion ensued about the lack of current detailed budget information shared with the Committee which impacts the Committee's ability to serve effectively in an advisory capacity.

Blynn thanked everyone for their service on the FS Budget Committee this academic year. This is the last meeting scheduled for Spring Semester. Dr. Laura Caramanica is the incoming Chair. Thanks to Laura, and please consider running for senate positions and chairing a FS committee.

5. Old business

- The Study Abroad Compensation Working Group was awaiting information from Dr. Anne Gaquere-Parker.

RESPONSE on March 26 by email from Dr. Gaquere-Parker to Dr. Minna Rollins:

"Thank you for your recent inquiry concerning the status of summer salary for faculty members participating in the upcoming summer 2024 study abroad program. I am delighted to convey to you and the senate committee that Provost Preston has granted approval for eligible faculty members, operating on 10-month contracts, to receive compensation amounting to 10% of their annual base salary for their involvement in a UWG study abroad program.

I commit to providing further updates regarding salary expectations for faculty participating in the summer 2025 program by early April."