

Faculty Senate Budget Committee Minutes
February 6, 2020, 2 p.m.
Meinecke Board Room, Memorial Union

Present: D. Miller (Chair), N. Dochtermann, S. Zhong, M. Petersen, J. Glower, C. Cwiak, M. Secor-Turner, J. Deutsch, M. Fitzgerald

Interim Provost Fitzgerald reported she met with President Bresciani and he is willing to meet with our committee. He would like to have a list of questions ahead of time. Miller will start a list and the committee will refine it over the coming week. Bresciani shared with Provost Fitzgerald that he feels NDSU is not heavy on administration compared to other institutions.

The committee discussed the ad hoc Provost's Budget committee report. There were no real concerns about the recommendations but considerable discussion on what will be done with the report and how we move forward. The document is strategic in thinking, and can guide the campus in future decisions. More immediately, it could be used as a guide to question candidates for Provost on their thoughts about addressing our financial issues.

We discussed recommendation #7 in depth and agreed that, though any would be imperfect, the campus needs a strong, meaningful set of metrics to guide future budget decisions. We don't know what metrics the NDSU Program Review Committee is currently using or how helpful they are. Therefore, Miller will invite the committee chair to meet with us to discuss current and future metrics for budget allocation.

Fitzgerald reported nothing new on budget. The average 2% cuts to college appropriated budgets are being implemented and expected to be sufficient for this academic year.

Next meeting will be on March 5, and we hope to meet with President Bresciani or the chair of Program Review.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Miller