**Faculty Senate Budget Committee Minutes**

**Januuary 16, 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 is still getting up to speed on budget issues but she had read the recommendations from both the senate budget committee and the ad hoc Provost’s budget committee, and found that both offered many good ideas.

Cuts are now being applied to both academic and nonacademic (President’s Office, athletics, student affairs, etc.) areas of campus, although library and ITS were exempt. Cuts to academic colleges averaged 2% of their annual budget, although amounts varied depending on saving available from VISPs and other issues. Total cuts from academics for this fiscal year are $3.75 million.

The Provost’s ad hoc budget committee, which Miller and Secor-Turner served on, has submitted its report. The report is strategic and long term in nature, and incorporated input from the faculty budget survey done in fall. Our committee generally agreed with the recommendations and thought it should be widely disseminated on campus. Provost Fitzgerald feels the more voices providing input the better. The recommendations regarding summer school are currently being worked on by a specific senate ad hoc committee. Some of the recommendations of the Provost’s committee could be limited by the Board of Higher Education, but we need to lobby in that case for flexible or new policies that allow campuses to look at better models for our institutions.

The committee reiterated to Provost Fitzgerald the need for faculty input on budget issues, and good communication between Deans and their faculty, as well as higher administration and faculty, including open forums.

Fitzgerald noted a new practice is now in place so that administrators who leave their position to return to faculty will lose the extra salary received for the administrative work.

There was consensus that NDSU must target, and market to, nontraditional students, including online students with appropriate incentives to departments and faculty.

Fitzgerald created a list of items she will follow up on, including conversations with President Bresciani on faculty concerns.

Next meeting will be on February 6, and we will discuss recommendations of the Provost’s ad hoc committee and how they can be best be implemented.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Miller