

## **Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee**

May 21, 2019

Minutes

*Voting members present:* Gloria Crisp (remote), Dave Feeney, Drew Ibarra, David Pham, Corina Rampola

*Voting members absent:* Denise Lach, John Talbott

*Guests present:* Jeff Sherman

### **Curriculum Proposals**

- Masters in History #104974 – New Degree Program
  - [Web Proposal](#)
    - The dean has not yet approved usage of the Horning Endowment to pay for two additional positions. Lack of approval could significantly impact their budget.
      - If use of the Horning Endowment is not approved, can the program still be delivered?
    - There is a concern that the proposed graduate hourly appointments would be approved by the graduate student union as the proposal describes work that the Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) as well as the FTE would be contrary to existing rules.
      - CGE-Article 9 (section 5-Hourly work): Effective September 2017: Employing units shall use Graduate Employee appointments rather than hourly positions except where the work is temporary or is unrelated to academic work normally performed by Graduate Employees.
      - Minimum FTE for a GA is .30 FTE CGE-Article 11 (section 3-FTE): Effective September 16, 2017, Graduate Employees will be appointed to a minimum FTE of 0.3
        - Should these concerns be shared with the Graduate Council?
        - Has the department met with their Human Resources representative to ensure their planned staffing of graduate students meets the CGE requirement?
          - Follow-up with originator with questions about the proposed graduate student hourly appointments. Potentially follow-up with the graduate student union.

### **Discussion**

- Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee (B&FP) purpose and scope beyond proposals
    - Standing Rules changes to have the chair be a voting member on the University Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee.
- Action: Motion to make the chair a full voting member of the University Budget & Fiscal Planning Committee, seconded; motion passed with no abstentions.*
- The motion has Sherm Bloomer's support. It will need to go through the Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate.
  - Should the Committee focus more on contributions to larger budget discussions that support the university?
    - The Executive Committee is looking into solutions but sees value in the committee remaining as a separate body.
    - How can the committee keep the Faculty Senate up to date on budget conversations and changes?
    - If anything needs to be brought to the Senate's attention, the committee chair can request to meet with the Executive Committee and discuss being added to the agenda for the next Faculty Senate meeting.
  - Preparation for Annual Report
    - Chair will put together a draft of proposals approved and summarize some of the discussion points from the past year and will send it out for the committee to review.
    - The B&FP is being reviewed by the Committee on Committees this year and they have sent out a list of questions they would like the B&FP to answer.

- The questions will be uploaded to Box or put in a Google Doc in case anyone would like to assist with providing responses.