

Budget and Planning Committee Minutes

Thursday, November 17th, 2022 10:00 –
11:30 AM

Zoom

Present: C, Lam (chair), A. Hegde (ex-officio), N. Hayes (ex-officio, for Thom Davis), A. Anderson, A. Sawyer, I. Pesco, D. Wu, J. Kegley, C. Vollmer, L. Hernandez, T. Salisbury, A. Grombly, V. Harper (ex-officio)

Joint session with AS & SS for first hour.

Present from AS & SS: Karen Ziegler-Lopez, Yvette Morones, Jeroen Gillard, Paul Salie, Anayeli Gomez-Navarro, Janine Cornelison, Matt McCoy, Jennifer McCune, Sandra Bozarth, Monica Ayuso, Pratigya Sigdyaal, Maria Espinoza, Melanie Taylor, Steve Miller, Alicia Rodriguez, Mariela Gomez. Not Present: Elaine Correa

Guest: Kris Grappendorf – Chair of Academic Advising Taskforce

- I. **Call to order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 1. Held until after joint session
- III. **Introductions / Announcements**

Joint Session with AS & SS for first hour of Senate meetings.
- IV. **New Business**

No new business.
- V. **Old Business**
 1. Referral 07 – Academic Advising Task Force

Discussion:

- **AS&SS Summary of recommendation** - Recognize number of issues that need to be addressed including decentralization that has contributed to lack of communication and consistency in practice across schools – main campus and Antelope Valley campus. They recognize there are problems and that the taskforce report has highlighted several. Of the two options presented by the taskforce report, AS & SS recommend moving away from adding administrative layer for reporting, and instead streamlining interactions of professional advisors with the associate dean to coordinate meetings with department and professional advisors. Focus on increasing communication and ensuring each school retain procedures to address the distinct needs of students in their programs.
- **BPC Summary of discussion** – Agrees there is inconsistency across schools, and something must change. Unsure whether new position of director of advising will make things better for student experience as report does not state clearly how this is going to happen. No consensus with BPC. Provost has made argument why position is needed, that it is already in place, and will not require adding an extra line.
- Deep issues expressed from the student standpoint on the process of advising, especially when students are transfers or transfer from one program/major to another. Students have been struggling with advising for a long time. A call to action to address these as

soon as possible and move forward. If not this, what will be done? Students will want to know.

- Discussion on advising structure and need for data on faculty advising and professional advisors. Questions raised about lack of Black advisors, role of director, alternatives to director such as faculty director, part-time, temporary, assigned to associate dean or other current MPPs on campus. Staff advisors present support option 2 or gave alternatives to the taskforce report. ASI top complaint is always advising, desire consistency and one process.
- Advising Taskforce Chair K. Grappendorf disagrees with AS&SS recommendations. Their proposal is too similar to current system. Significant time and outside research put into the report. Need someone in place (director of advising) to begin to answer these questions, create mission/goals/policies, collect data, develop process that works for staff/faculty. Someone to devote themselves to advising full-time.
- Continued discussion of director position, student issues with advising, advisor and faculty recommendations beyond taskforce report.
- Provost comments on MPP line in advising. Currently there is no one person to call on for communication and partnership regarding advising issues. A director would fill this need and would work to solve the issues being brought forth. Provost Harper seeks Senate support in moving forward with one director and is flexible with the different options for reporting lines.

Joint session ends – 11:09 am. BPC resumes.

Agenda approved.

2. Referral 17 – Academic Calendar 2023/2024

- Revisions to document reviewed and approved.
- Calendar 24/25 in draft, will not be submitted yet.

3. Referral 07 – Academic Advising Task Force

Discussion

- Continued discussion on task force report and advising structure options
- Two separate issues occurring. 1) Position of director 2) Structure. Charge should be separated into two.
- Unofficial poll: Do we approve of having a director position? 4 (yes) – goes forward. 1 (abstain). 0 (no). Second question: Option 1 – 2 votes. Option 2 – 3 votes. Neither – 1 vote.
- A. Hegde will take to EC and separate the issues. Guarantees this will not come off the senate agenda until it is resolved. Director should be resolved by Spring.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am