

2010-01 University Assembly

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Minutes of General Faculty Meeting

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Meeting Called to Order at 4pm. 18 total present, including faculty chair

New Business

Stu Kellogg: Budget Advisory Committee

- Key Points
 - FY 11 budget discussions are underway.
 - Kellogg presented an abridged PowerPoint from the recent meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee briefing (See Attached for Full Document)
 - The State has a net decrease in \$3,432k across the Education System
 - Appropriations offset much of this for Higher Ed. There will also be a reduction of 25 FTEs, manifested in a reduction in hiring new positions. 2-3 possible searches at SDSMT may be at risk for funding at this year.
 - The Budget Procedure Subcommittee
 - SDSMT currently uses an Incremental Budget Model. Other models were considered while incremental budgeting, planning/programming budgeting, formula budgeting and imitative budgeting are under review for various university divisions and scenarios
 - Budget baselines are out of date in many areas, e.g., O&E. Notable issues are transparency between depts., awareness of needs, and contingency funds. Other issues include Capital Equipment Budgets (of which there is no formal system at present), Funding of position searches, Balancing university facilities vs. department responsibilities (example: department responsibilities, or lack of, for A/C in CM building vs. MI), and Startup packages for new faculty.
 - Faculty should send represented intents to Stuart Kellogg

Joe Fazio: Reporting Administrative Leave

- Faculty are required to enter their own leave, including administrative leave.
 - Example; 24 December was declared a day of administrative leave granted by the state, while unit faculty were already on an academic break.
- There is concern with the regarding the ambiguity of administrative leave. This ambiguity creates a conflict regarding the obligation for state employees to personally account for their own time/funding/leave allocations.
- A motion to express concern on this failed.
- Stan Howard moved that the senate consider the matter. Motion Carried.
- Deb Sloat (HR) will address this matter to the faculty senate.

MR Hanson: University Foci

- Hanson voiced concerns regarding university foci and the means by which the university members will be enabled and supported to pursue these goals.

Provost Hrcir will be at the February Senate meeting regarding student opinion surveys

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm