

Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Sustainability

Minutes

Meeting Date: January 3, 2024

Members in Attendance: Ms. Carolyn Bailey, Mr. Larry Wakefield, Dr. Edwin Craft, Dr. Heather Miller, Dr. Megan Smith, Ms. Kristen Land, Dr. Jon Westfall, Dr. Andrew Wegmann, Dr. Gwen Meador, Ms. Dana George, Dr. Chris Jurgenson, Ms. Nora Gough-Davis, Mr. David Gladden, Ms. Laurie Muffley, (Ms. Amber Hays as Recorder)

Members not in attendance: Ms. Hayden Kirkhart

Guests: None

Call to Order: The meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Sustainability was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on January 3rd. The meeting convened at 3:03 p.m. with Ms. Carolyn Bailey giving the welcome and asking committee members to respond to her email for availability around teaching and other University commitments so a 2024 standing meeting time can be established. Ms. Laurie Muffley was introduced as a new committee member, replacing Ms. Emily Jones.

Approval of the Minutes

With one request for clarification, Dr. Jon Westfall made the motion to accept the minutes of 12/19/23. Dr. Andrew Wegmann seconded the motion. Amber Hays will make the requested edit.

General Overview

- Dr. Megan Smith presented a breakdown of the organizational structure of each entity within Student Affairs.
- After review and discussion, Dr. Andrew Wegmann made the motion to present the first recommendation below to President Ennis. Dr. Chris Jurgenson seconded the motion.
 - o “The committee recommends that Housing & Residence Life investigate alternative and creative methods of generating additional revenue.”
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- Upon further discussion, Dr. Jon Westfall made the motion to present the second recommendation below to the President. Dr. Edwin Craft seconded the motion.
 - o “The committee recommends that Housing & Residence Life reduce housing options such that a building is at 90% capacity for either gender before opening additional building(s).”
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- Dr. Jon Westfall made the motion to present the third recommendation below to the President. Dr. Edwin Craft seconded the motion.
 - o “The committee recommends that Housing & Residence Life conduct a comprehensive survey of current, former, and prospective future (e.g., current commuter) residents to better understand housing preferences, perceptions of campus culture and community, and roadblocks that deter them from living on campus. The budget committee would like to see a draft of such a survey by January 30, 2024, to ensure it captures all of the essential information the committee discussed.”
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.