2015-16 Senate Budget, Restructuring and Reallocation Committee
10 March 2016
2 – 3 p.m.
Carnegie 102
Minutes

Members Present: Dewar, Sukhvarsh, Askim-Lovseth, Myers, Gjellstad, Zerr, Shabb, Barkdull, Brode, Clauson, Jorgenson, Harsell, Hurley, Heitkamp, DiLorenzo, Fetsch
Guests: Odella Fuqua, Susan Walton. Rebecca Weaver Hightower, Alice Brekke, Karla Stewart

1. Minutes for the meetings of February 16, 2016 were approved.

2. Alice Brekke briefed the committee on items related to the budget cuts.
   a. Athletics and administration are participating in the budget exercises and will contribute to closing the budget shortfall.
   b. EERC, although an integral part of the university, will be minimally affected by the budget issues because it is funded through grants it has been awarded and contracts it has entered into. These expenditures cannot be cut and reallocated.
   c. President Shafer is committed to avoiding the use of foregoing salary increases.
   d. The matching funds for deferred maintenance that the university was able to claim when making the cuts to balance the budget of fiscal year 2016 will be allocated to extraordinary repairs like: energy upgrades, correctly code compliance issues, elevator repairs, window replacements, etc.

3. The Provost provided some updates on items related to the budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017.
   a. The Support Unit Allocation committee has begun meetings to begin the process of creating the support unit budgets.
   b. The colleges will receive the same number of base tuition waivers as they did for fiscal year 2016. This does not include any of the extraordinary waivers that some colleges received. The waivers will be increased in value by $500. Unfortunately, the university will no longer be able to provide health insurance to those who receive graduate tuition waivers.
   c. The Provost will provide the committee with access to all of the 90/95 budget exercise documents that he receives in advance of the committee’s next meeting.

4. The committee will meet prior to the deadline for the vice-presidents to provide their 90/95 budget proposals to the President. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide the Provost with its advice and perspectives on the decisions the Provost must make in making his proposals to the President.