

**Draft Minutes – Senate Budget Policies Committee**  
**Friday May 19, 2:00 pm**  
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**Members in attendance:** Elia Beniash, Tyler Bickford, Mackey A. Friedman, Beverly Gaddy (chair), Emily Murphy, Wes Rohrer, Adriana Maguina-Ugarte (SAC), Dave DeJong, Amanda Brodish, Richard Henderson, Stephen Wisniewski, Katie Fike (UTimes), Brian Smith (SAC)

**Absent:** Panos K. Chrysanthis, David Rowe, Cindy Tananis, Samantha Jankowitz, Salim Malakouti (GPSG), Jessica Sevcik, John J. Baker, Stephen L. Carr, Sean Hughes, Richard Pratt, Phil Wion, Arthur Ramicone, Frank Wilson (Senate Pres.),

Meeting called to order by Chair Gaddy (at 2:00 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of April 21, 2017 meetings.  
Amanda Brodish requested to correct the spelling of Prof. Laurie Hirsch, but otherwise minutes were correct. Minutes were approved by the committee provided name was corrected as indicated.
2. Matters arising, announcements, proposals for new business.
  - a. Wesley Rohrer proposed to look at compensation of administrative staff, as he felt it may be the purview of BPC.  
David DeJong explained that Total Rewards is an ongoing effort to revamp compensation and other aspects of benefits/employment.  
Mackey Friedman inquired if it would include “promotion” for staff.  
Adriana Maguiña-Ugarte briefly updated the committee on the efforts of Total Rewards, but proposed to continue to ask Cheryl Johnson or Total Rewards person to meet with BPC to answer further questions.
  - b. Elia Beniash asked about BPC’s PBS oversight.  
Beverly Gaddy responded that yes BPC has oversight, and that it should be in the agenda for next year.
  - c. Gaddy shared lists of reports expected to be presented at BPC meetings, including their schedule/cycles. She read a message from John Baker: “To let us [BPC] of other reports from the Exec. Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Investments, Athletics,…” [needs clarification?]  
From that list, Beniash asked about the Enrollment report. Amanda Brodish responded that it could be presented in October, with 2-year history, and trends.
  - d. Gaddy noted that the November meeting had no report, presentation, and recommended to try to invite Cheryl Johnson to that meeting.

- e. Gaddy would like to see the Gender Gap report more often, say every 3 years, instead of 5-year cycle; it may be better to have it often to put attention on the issue. Brodish responded that it is quite involved and a lot of work to produce; she feels a clear decision about its cycle needs to be made.
  - f. Tyler Bickford added that some other reports schedules need to be established too. He proposes to have the PT faculty salary report presented in the fall. Brodish is agreeable to that proposed time.  
so the Part-time and the attribution reports are to be presented in the fall 2017, while the salary cohort report would be due the fall 2018. From then on, they cycle every 3 years.
  - g. DeJong suggested to use regression analysis to protect small samples when looking at issues of race and ethnicity.
  - h. Beniash asked if anyone could project, say, a 3-year institutional financial health/outlook, in the context of the current Federal Government stances. DeJong agrees this needs to be done.
  - i. Rohrer also would like to project the State Budget, when/where possible.
  - j. Bickford inquired about the procedure to implement the oversight of PBS guidelines.
  - k. Art Ramicone's office will start it by sending a survey to the units. He can do this over the summer.
  - l. Rohrer alerted the members to look at the survey in the September's meeting.
3. Election of officers
    - a. Previously nominated members: Wesley Rohrer for Chair, and Tyler Bickford for Secretary, were unanimously voted in, and confirmed.
  4. UPBC recommendations for FY18 (B. Gaddy & D. DeJong) (closed session)
    - a. DeJong presented information about different funding scenarios depending on PA State appropriation. At this time, the PA budget was still being discussed, and could not be forecasted with any precision.
    - b. Extra 5% of appropriations received unexpectedly last year was not budgeted nor used last year, but it is now folded into the simplest of scenarios
    - c. Discussions revolved also around the role of BPC in relation to the presentation, which is mainly advisory but BPC can also send recommendations. A discussion ensued as to whether or not the BPC would like the recommend to the administration to change priorities.
    - d. Rohrer proposed to support in principle as the presentation showed a reasonable set of priorities for the coming year. Adriana Maguiña-Ugarte seconded and it passed unanimously.

5. Report of capital facilities plan (D. DeJong)
  - a. DeJong presented the current facilities capital plan, which is relevant to the BPC for the financial implication. It has a 2-year implementation period, intersecting with communities. Two centers are being built, and it aligns the regional campuses strategies with main campus’.
  - b. Supports the following institutional plans: 1. Enrollment by undergraduates where we need to know where students’ interests are going to; need to look into students’ needs; 2. Housing study informed by enrollment plan.
  - c. Strategic plan is for the next 3 years. Larger strategic plan is 10-year long with reviews at 3-, 6-, and 9-year marks.
  - d. Major initiatives: innovation, partnership, computational, and data intensive; global plan
  - e. Support STEM oriented school
  - f. Student life enhancement (currently not many outdoor rec spaces)
  - g. Assess the maintenance needs in many old buildings
  - h. Address other needs, such as athletics (tennis, track, leadership center, center for creativity, IS/CS school)
  - i. Co-locate synergistic programs like the merging of the GSPIA library, Econ Lab, ULS. Successful move of CGS to Posvar Hall (visibly located now, freed space in the Cathedral of Learning where now English faculty can have office space, plus the Humanities Center. Successful move of the stats lab from Cathedral of Learning to Posvar freed space in the floors 10-11 where Philosophy and Philosophy of Science can be housed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

This is final meeting of the 2016-17 academic year