December 5, 2018

Present: J. Schmidtke (Chair), M. Berber, F Cassal-Sharma ,D. Nef, M. Richaud, H Swoles,

Absent:

Excused: J. Cummins, B. Findley

Called to order 3:30 pm in Henry Madden Library Room 2108

1. Agenda

MSC approved the agenda for Dec 5, 2018.

1. Minutes of Nov 7, 2018  
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2. Communications and Announcements

J Schmidtke discussed an email he received from Thomas Holyoke, chair of the academic senate. Thomas stated that the senate is in the process of re-writing the by-laws and asked if the committee was interested in expanding the size of the University Budget Committee so that there would be one representative for each college and school. We discussed that with the difficult budgetary decisions that the university is facing having all colleges represented will be important.

MSC – To ask academic senate to re-write the by-laws such that each school/college will have a representative on the budget committee.

1. We discussed the budgetary challenges that the university faces this year and the future. D Nef explained that at the current rate, the Academic Affairs division will have a deficit at the end of the year and there are no reserves to cover this over-spending. Further, he stated that the President has mandated that there will be no losses and that schools and colleges will have to carryforward any deficits into the next fiscal year.

M Richaud brought up that members of his college were shocked by the budgetary problems and did not seem to appreciate the difficulties of the current budget situation. We discussed that it might make some sense for the budget committee to draft a statement about the budget situation that, after approval from the academic senate, would be distributed to the faculty.

Further, we discussed that the only viable solution to addressing the deficit moving forward (in the absence of an increased allocation from the state) would be to cut courses and programs. It was suggested that the UBC consider providing budgetary criteria/guidelines to the academic senate regarding where these cuts might be made. This is something that we will propose to the academic senate to see if this is something that would be fruitful.

1. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Agenda 30 January 2019

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of 5 December 2018
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Music program elevation
5. Discussion of Budget model
6. Discussion of statement to faculty and criteria for programs
7. New Business

Next meeting 13 February 2019