

Budget Council Minutes
January 12, 2009
1:30PM, 202 Tigert Hall

Attendees:

Kathy Price
James Klausner
Naomi Young
David Quillen
Pradeep Kumar
Regina bussing

Guests:

Kathy Long
John Biro
Ed Poppell
John Leavey
Joe Glover

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Kathy Long discussed the FEO funding.

The FEO funds are nonrecurring funds that were made available by the President for a three year trial. The money is money that has never been used to fund sabbaticals. Colleges fund their own sabbaticals because sabbaticals are no longer funded centrally.

Long also explained that an FEO is not a sabbatical but it is an opportunity to engage in opportunities that do not fit into the sabbatical program such as bringing in consultants, attending workshops or conferences, covering summer salaries to work on projects, etc.

Additionally, faculty may apply for FEO's after working at UF for 3 years, unlike the sabbatical program which requires 7 years.

John Biro stated that the bargaining unit would like a dedicated dollar amount set aside for FEOs for in-unit faculty in order to guarantee a proportionate share of money to the in unit faculty.

The council discussed the shared governance process for budget cuts in CLAS.

The CLAS faculty council passed two resolutions that have not been answered. The Provost requested a formal transmittal of the resolutions so that administrators can respond.

The college will have a 2-3 week period for discussion after a plan is announced. The CLAS faculty have been working with the dean but no specific information has been determined yet.

The council discussed the principles document and the development of a FAQ regarding the principles document.

The council discussed encouraging units to consider locally, whether to reduce the number of graduate students and estimated that three graduate students equal the cost of one faculty member. The council

also discussed encouraging units to consider locally, whether to replace vacant faculty lines with instructors and encouraging all faculty to take an extra class in lieu of losing faculty.

The council was informed that Jane Adams and Janine Sikes are working on developing a FAQ document.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.