

SENATE BUDGET AND PLANNING COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2010

PATERSON ROOM, 2:00

PRESENT: Gardner, Hill, Koistinen, Macdonald, Matthews, Theus

The minutes for the December 7 and February 2 meetings were approved. There was a grammatical correction to the December report. Under "Preliminary Budget Report," the first sentence should read "no difference as of now from the state."

Gardner reported that the Council will have to find another meeting time. Sahni teaches at 2:00 on Tuesdays and thus has not been able to attend any of the recent meetings.

Gardner stated that Steve Bolyai had planned to be present to provide information on the costs of WPU administrative personnel over the last ten years. However he was not able to attend the meeting. Gardner reported that she has been looking at the data on this subject in administrative reports. There seem to be inconsistencies in the numbers from year to year. Getting reliable statistics on this subject is likely to prove a challenge. Gardner will consult with Bolyai on this issue. Gardner will also see if any other sources of information on this subject are available.

A draft of the Council's report to the campus committee on Middle States accreditation had been circulated by email before the meeting. A lengthy discussion of the draft took place. There were numerous suggested revisions and additions. Gardner will incorporate comments from the present meeting and send out a revised report to the email list to which committee members can suggest further changes.

Data from the Chairs' responses to the budget questionnaire were circulated and discussed. It seems from this data that the heaviest impact of cuts to department budgets was on travel money and in course cancellations

The meeting adjourned at 3:25.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koistinen