Members Present: Brock McMurray, Joy Reynolds, Jennifer Altenhofel, Shelley Getty, Amanda Bauer, Sheri Horn-Bunk, Leslie Minor, and Cliff Watts

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Joshua Vazquez, and Justin Madding, Recorder

The Budget Committee meeting of March 17, 2021, was conducted by Zoom and called to order by Amanda Bauer at 10:30 a.m.

1. Minutes – February 17, 2021

The minutes from February 17, 2021, were reviewed. McMurray provided clarification on paragraph 3 of item number 2 regarding funding for student workers in faculty budgets. He said that budget adjustments were made last year due to COVID and we do not know if our pre-COVID funding will return. The budget is built with no new monies. If departments want to fund student workers then they will have to fund those workers by making adjustments within their own budgets working with their administrator.

The committee engaged in a discussion regarding student worker funding.

The minutes from February 17, 2021, were approved by consensus.

2. 21/22 Budget Development Calendar and Budget Update

McMurray said that we are working on budget development. Budget managers have been provided with the relevant budget assumptions including step and column increases, benefits, and COLA, to assist in budget development.

Bauer added that we had a budget manager workshop last week and will be collecting changes from the managers next week.

McMurray said that State level news remains relatively positive.

3. Goal – APR Non-Personnel Resource Allocation Requests Potential Funding Sources

McMurray referred the committee to the APR Potential Funding Sources list. He appreciates everyone looking at the APRs and adding their thoughts on potential funding sources. This list will be provided to the VPs and budget managers to assist them with trying to get their items funded. This list is also reported to Governance Council. McMurray asked everyone to review this combined list and submit any proposed changes to Madding. We will work on a vote for approval by email next week.

4. Other

Reynolds asked about classroom upgrades identified in the APR goals and if they would allow better Zoom calls with students. McMurray said that we have work beginning soon to upgrade audio/visual
technologies, including Zoom capabilities, with COVID needs in mind. Minor added that the audio/visual project includes technologies to make web-based classes or hybrid classes better.

The committee discussed IT refreshment cycles and IT purchases, and how those purchases relate to faculty budgets.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Justin Madding