

AGENDA
Regular Meeting of the CU Denver Downtown Campus Faculty Assembly's
Budget Priorities Committee
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
held via Zoom
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Present: Diana White (chair), Keith Guzik (minutes), Quintin Gonzalez, Todd Ely, Katherine Gunny, Heather Johnson, Todd Haggerty, Hani Mansour, Kelly McCusker, Mike Radenkovic, Jody Beck

The minutes for the September meeting were approved unanimously.

Updates from Committee Chair

ODE update. Diana is co-leading with Tobin Bliss an effort to create a master services agreement with ODE. The current agreement runs until the end of June. ODE has moved from our campus to the system level. 6 programs on our campus are being supported through ODE going forward, most at the graduate level given issues on service services at the undergraduate level. 2 sub-committees are also working on this, one faculty-based including Tobin and Diana and one operations-based.

Discussion

- Given its involvement with online education, the library should be included on these committees as well.
- ODE received \$40m from the system to help with start-up costs related to its relaunch at the system level—student acquisition costs are high, considering how established competitor programs are.
- Revenue sharing needs to be worked as do role and responsibilities for the programs and ODE.
- The programs offered in coordination with ODE will work on a D2 model.
- So far, Business has seen overlap between its traditional students and student enrolling in the 8-week program—whether and how to separate out those students is a question to be addressed.

Decision Toolkit Presentation. Dave Deffenbacher, David Doig, and Tobin Bliss made a presentation of the Decision Toolkit. The toolkit has been in the works for about a year, and this is the first version, and it is intended to be evolving. So, feedback from stakeholders is welcome. This has been developed to help inform the incentive based budget model.

Discussion.

- *How will data from Toolkit be used for assessing the budget model and thinking about subvention?* The toolkit is intended to provide objective data on a local level

for how things could be changed. So, it should have a role in assessing the budget model and discussing subvention.

- The toolkit has been shared with deans, associate deans, SBAs, CLAS BPC. The goal is to take it to the chair level and consult with units. Schools and programs would be able to look at program flows to help with retention.
- *The role of faculty in the design of the tool?* The toolkit was built around the needs of schools and colleges. The designers met with CLAS and Business and their leadership teams to design tools that would help them in the design. But the toolkit is in development and feedback from faculty is sought.
- The committee will look at the toolkit further and look to provide feedback.

Budget Office Update. The governor's budget comes out next week. More updates will follow that. Scenario planning will take place with schools and colleges. And that will allow for thinking about changes to the budget model come January.