

Minutes, University Budget Committee, August 20, 2020, Via TEAM

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair of Faculty Dr. Puri Martinez at 4 p.m.
2. Regular members in attendance were Uduak Akpan, Holly Wei, Cindy Elmore, Steven Garrett, and Karla Varnell. Ex-officio members in attendance were Susan Chapman, Rachel Baker, Stephanie Coleman, Sara Thorndike, Jennifer McKinnon, Wendy Sergeant. Faculty Chair Dr. Puri Martinez.
3. New Business:

Elected committee chair, vice chair, and secretary for the term of 2020-2021:

Chair – Dr. Holly Wei, PhD, RN, CPN, NEA-BC, Associate Professor [College of Nursing](#)

Vice Chair – Dr. Karla Varnell, PhD, Assistant Professor, College of Engineering

Secretary – Steven Garrett, Teaching Instructor, College of Business

Comments and concerns were shared regarding the BOG and System Office request for 25% and 50% budget reduction scenarios:

- Dr. Sara Thorndike, MBA, CPA, EdD, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Chief Financial Officer:
 - The scenarios were prepared without much notice and had to be completed quickly. Campuses did not have time to respond strategically.
 - Recommendations:
 - Not to spend much time, if any, looking at the different campus submissions since a real reduction would likely look very different and should not be anywhere near this large.
 - If, or when, actual budget reductions happen, we should have more time to respond strategically with more campus involvement.
 - The Chancellor is creating a Fiscal Sustainability Committee that will include faculty representation to make recommendations for efficiencies and budget reductions.
 - Dr. Puri Martinez, Faculty Chair:
 - She spoke with the Chancellor and is sharing faculty names with him in early October for recommended inclusion in that process.
4. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.