Minutes for McCausland College of Arts and Sciences Bylaws Budget Committee
Date: September 1, 2026
Time: 1:00-2:00PM
Location: Petigru 321

Present:

1. Dean Chris Culbertson (Ex-officio)
2. Ashley Maciaszek (Ex-officio)
3. Kim Shimiz
4. Jeff Dudycha
5. Barbara Koons-Witt
6. Paula Vasquez
7. Carla Flink

Carla Flink called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Those present introduced themselves: name, title, department, research agenda.

Flink called to approved April minutes. It was supported and passed.

Dean Culbertson provided his vision of the Budget Committee. He emphasized transparency and open communication on this committee. We have an important role to bring questions/concerns from the faculty to the committee and to develop communication points to share back to faculty. One of the major budgetary efforts at the college is to reallocate money across departments, using different strategies from the historical model. There is also a need to deep dive into Other Operating Expenses.

Ashley Maciaszek shared some insights on the McCausland budget standing and the implementation of the new University Budget Model.

The committee noted several topics that could be discussed this year.

- Faculty communication efforts. Create online form for any McCausland faculty member to submit questions and comments about the McCausland budget for the committee to discuss in an upcoming meeting. The committee also would like to find ways to increase communication efforts and/or faculty learning opportunities for the budget—revenues, expenditures, processes, timeline, budget model, etc.
- Understanding the University Budget Model. We have a newly adopted budget model. The committee wants to see how this is impacting our resources and decision-making.
- Other topics of relevance to the budget included: faculty retention, philanthropy, enrollment cliff, summer classes, carry forward, graduate versus undergraduate financial comparisons.

Meeting concluded at 1:58pm