

Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the  
Planning and Budget Committee  
Of the Hofstra University Senate  
Thursday 27 March 2019 901D Axinn Library

Present:

William Caniano	Committee Chair and Library services
Sabrina Sobel	Chemistry
Sleiman Ghorayeb	Engineering
Keun S. Lee	Zarb
Elisabeth Ploran	Psychology
Kathleen Wallace	Chair of Chairs Caucus Philosophy
Michael Sikorski	Provost Office
Craig Burnett	Political Science

The Chair called the committee into session at

Chair Report

-Handicapped accessibility issues with some doors and also with the shuttle buses.

-Recyclable garbage receptacles in new Business bldg

Will talk with Joe Barkwill about those issues

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the Feb 21 Meeting were approved.

Discussion Items:

Faculty-In-Residence (FIR)

Elisabeth Ploran the FIR and member of the committee presented on her experience after spending 4 years as the FIR.

The FIR lives in a campus supplied apartment in the Netherlands. This is done so that the FIR can serve as informal liaison between students and faculty. In her words, she functions as a “Den Mother”. In this role the FIR is present to assist in “academic existential issues”. The FIR is does not get involved with personal issues, such as, roommate disputes and substance abuse. The student population of the Netherlands is about 550, 525 First year students and 25 RAs.

There is currently only one FIR. The FIR is supposed to work with the Netherlands complex student population. However, the nature of the position and the work the FIR has been asked to lend her support to other Resident Halls. W. Houston Dougharty has expressed interest in expanding the number of FIRs to have a FIR for upperclassmen located in Towers or Colonial Square.

Issues involving the position:

- The Faculty in Residence receives no release time
- The position does not count towards service for tenure
- The funding of activities the FIR is required to plan is limited
- There is only one
- Being part of the Hempstead school district is a disincentive for those with school age children

Faculty who participate in Honor's College and the Living Learning Communities receive course release time. Expanding this service will be explored at the next P&B meeting.

Having more faculty affiliates for the LLCs will reduce the burden on the FIR. Increased cost: from 2 LLC faculty affiliates w/3 s.h. release time (\$13,200) to 10 faculty affiliates with same release time, estimate at associate prof overload rate at \$2200/s.h. comes to an increased cost of \$52,800 for a total cost of \$66,000 for 10 faculty affiliates to LLCs.

A list of recommendations will be created. The full recommendations will be compiled after the 24 April 2019 meeting in which a presentation on LLC will be conducted. The recommendations as they currently stand are:

- The FIR should receive service credit for their work as FIR
- Course release time should be made available to the FIR
- Ways to increasing funding for activities should be explored
- The FIR program should be expanded to other Residence Halls
- The number of FIR should be increased
- School district solutions should be explored.
- Rotating Weekend FIR
- Temp Faculty Housing
- Professional Development Funding

