

Meeting Notes
Planning and Budget Committee (PBC)
April 28, 2021
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, WebEx

Attendance

M. Abrahams, VPA and Provost (Chair)

C. Bazan, Engineering

P. Brett, Marine Institute

S. Cadigan, AVPA

E. Kendall, Medicine

S. MacKenzie, Humanities and Social Sciences

A. Marland, Humanities and Social Sciences

K. Matthews, CIAP

L. Pike, Budget Office

J. Porter, Registrar's Office

H. Usefi, Science

M. Woods, Medicine

Unable to Attend

Y. Alabed, MUNSU

K. Anderson, Education

R. Nolan, CIAP

P. Ravichandran, GSU

A. Thomas, GCSU

1. Review of agenda and meeting notes of March 24th, 2021

The meeting notes for March 24th, 2021 were approved as presented.

2. Updates

1. Centres Policy

The working group met with Jonathan Dredge, Manager of the Policy Framework, to finalize the draft policy and plan an implementation timeline. K. Matthews has drafted a proposal for M. Abrahams to bring forward to Vice-Presidents Council (VPC). Once approved by VPC, the policy will be shared with University community for feedback for a period of 6-8 weeks. J. Dredge will collate and summarize the feedback received and the working group will finalize the report for review by PBC prior to submission to VPC and the Board of Regents in early autumn. It may also be presented to Senate. The working group will develop an FAQ document to accompany the draft policy to anticipate common questions that might arise.

3. University Strategic Plan – Implications on Oversight of Frameworks and Plans

M. Abrahams noted that the draft Strategic Plan has been distributed to the University Community and Senate is meeting on April 30th to vote to endorse it prior to its transmittal to the Board of Regents (May 12th meeting). Committee members were asked whether they felt PBC needed to provide a comment on the document to Senate in advance of its meeting. It was agreed that it is not within the purview of the Committee to comment on an issue that is a Board matter. Further, it would be inappropriate to comment on a revised document that the Committee has not yet seen.

Committee members felt that committee time and attention should be directed to ensuring that University plans and frameworks are aligned to this larger aspirational vision of the university. Remaining meetings for the 2020/21 academic year should be focussed on refining the oversight template that is shared with the various Framework and Plan proponents.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM