

FACULTY SALARY AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

JANUARY 16, 2015

PRESENT: Marty Abramson, Neal Buckwalter, Larry Burns, Gregg Dimkoff, Steve Glass, Kathy Gulembo (ex-officio), Robert Hollister (Chair), Lori Houghton-Rahrig, Paul Murphy, Zack Kurmas, Julia Mason, Jon Rose, Ashley Rosener, Paul Stephenson, Joel Stillerman, Lawrence Williams (student), Mike Yuhas.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.
2. The Minutes of November 14, 2014 were reviewed and approved.
3. A letter the provost office produced regarding smart growth was reviewed and commented on. The committee was pleased that the letter was made available to faculty and suggested ways to make the letter (and supporting documents) best available on the webpage of the provost's office.
4. A draft document summarizing the efforts of the committee regarding policies on sabbaticals was discussed. The committee was in strong support of the overall tone and message of the document (produced by the sabbatical task force) and asked that more details on the findings that the committee has uncovered regarding policies at peer institutions and costs be included. A final document will be re-reviewed in the near future.
5. Larry provided an update on activities he has been doing to analyze the university's budget trends. This presentation was focused on trends at GVSU and other Michigan Universities over the past 30 years.
6. The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.