



## I. **Call to Order**

President David Finney called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. in Culp Center 311 with some Senators joining via Zoom.

## II. **Attendance**

Members present: Kari Albarado, Joe Bidwell, Dan Bishop, Vanessa Canter, William Cate, Rachel Colwell, Jennifer Crigger, O.J. Early, David Finney, Joy Fulkerson, Brooke Garland, Cody Greene, Wendy Guinn, Cody Henson, Suzy Hooven, Ethan Hutchison, Rachel Kellogg, James Lively, Crystal Maupin, Eli Montana, Skylar Moore, Cody Morelock, Donna Nelson-Barnes, Melanie Peters, Debbie Roach, Katie Sellers, Brayton Siddell, Jr., Aneida Skeens, Amy Slaughter, Ben Smith, Jessimine Strauss, Elizabeth Thomas-Joseph.

Members absent: Kimberly Ferrell, Jenny Lockmiller, Stefanie Murphy (excused), Ryan Parvin, Jeremy Watson.

## III. **Minutes**

President Finney presented the May meeting minutes for consideration. Senator Bidwell made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Senator Early. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved. There was no discussion.

## IV. **President's Report**

President Finney shared the following updates from recent University Council and Executive Committee meetings:

- University Council included an update on transition to Voyager including acknowledgement of recent issues with First Horizon checks but being on track for go live on July 1, 2025 with the \$500 bonus on the June payroll. Dr. Noland asked for patience as we transition to Voyager, and President Finney shared that more training is come.
- The Mary V. Jordan Center changes are underway and expects to serve a couple hundred students with individualized student support using the Athletics model. There was some discussion of the expected changes, programs, and support offered through this center.
- President Finney announced that the web clock requirement has been pulled back but is still available in Voyager for optional use. A Senator asked if there is a requirement to be consistent in using the web clock to record time or if there is flexibility, and President Finney committed to getting clarification.



**V. Budget Model Presentation**

As a member of the Strategic Resource Allocation Realignment committee, President Finney presented an overview of the budget model update and final report that was completed in February. He noted that the new model adjusted the base budgets for academic units after meeting and collaborating with Deans and through review of resources. Budgets for administrative units were also analyzed during this process with Vice President level input and discretion on spending. The new budget model formula for academic units was shared on screen with review of the metrics used to determine division of budget overage/shortfall. Each administrative unit established its own performance metrics and submitted those to the committee, which are to be presented during annual budget hearings for resource allocation decisions. He acknowledged that Facilities received a \$2 million increase to its base budget as part of this process. President Finney also shared information about the development of a new Strategic Initiative Fund, not to exceed one percent of annual revenues, where divisions can propose strategic initiatives during budget hearings, and the President determines allocations. He also presented information on new carryforward 60/40 split with 60% to central before a new cap, and that all Indirect Cost Recovery (IDC) is untaxed. He shared that student fees are now part of the cap, and there is an 8% cap on operating carry forward. Senators engaged in discussion following the presentation, and President Finney offered input and clarification where he could. President Finney committed to sharing the final report and administrative units metrics via email following the meeting.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Canter provided the Treasurer's Report of current financials, and shared that the Staff Celebration event cost around \$15,000 with staff monetary awards to go out this month. There was no discussion.

**VII. Committee Reports**

Vice President Morelock called for Committee Reports.

1. Senator Thomas-Joseph, Chair of Elections Committee, shared that there have been about 23 nominations received so far, and the deadline has not passed. Elections for vacant Senator positions to be held in July.



2. There were no other committee reports.

**VIII. Old Business**

None

**IX. New Business**

None

**X. Announcements**

- Receipts are due by June 18 for all purchases.
- Senators and their divisions are encouraged to participate in service days hosted by Office of Community Engagement with direction to contact Senator Joy Fulkerson if there is a desire to participate with another group.

**XI. Adjournment**

Senator Siddell made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Treasurer Canter. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.