

CLAS Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021

11:45am – 12:35pm

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99831833775?pwd=dDVFOHpRUU1ITGtRVUtXU1gxUXIYZz09>

Present:

Committee Chair Eric Potsdam, Shifra Armon Catherine Tucker, Gillian Lord, Tarek Saab, Chirstine Overdevest, Student Representative Fahal Qazi, Jon Martin, John Palmer, Rebecca Butcher, Associate Dean Chris McCarty, CLAS Budget and Finance Director Uma Sethuram

1. Approval of minutes from December 10, 2020 meeting

available at <https://gov.clas.ufl.edu/files/Minutes-12-10-20.pdf>

Passed by voice vote

2. Report on 21-22 OPS allocation (McCarty)

Two shortfalls have combined to leave CLAS with a deficit of 4.7 million dollars.

a. Changes in the Distance Learning formula resulted in a 2.8-3 million CLAS budget deficit;

b. Graduate School has accumulated a 1.7 million deficit.

The Provost will “patch” these losses with an infusion of 2 million per year for three years, to ease the transition away from DL funds.

A second “patch” will help the College make up for the lost Graduate School Fellowships.

3. Discussion of graduate program size

OPS budget requests will help guide a process of “right-sizing” CLAS graduate programs over the next three years to offset impending budgetary constraints.

Spreadsheet inconsistencies and inaccuracies must be addressed in order to use them effectively.

For AY 2021-22 hiring and fellowship purposes, there is not enough time to correct and complete the departmental OPS budget request spreadsheets. Therefore, Uma proposed allowing the status quo to guide next year’s departmental OPS allocations.

Respectfully Submitted

Shifra Armon, FC Secretary