

University of South Carolina Upstate Faculty Standing Committee Year End Report

Year: 2015-2016

Committee: Academic, Budget, and Facilities Planning Committee

Members: Lisa Lever, Chair
Liz Cole (Spring)
Mike Cipriano (Fall)
June Carter
Jim LeMee
Kela Goodman
Sharon Smith
Jim Griffis
Mike Hudak
Scott Meek
Deshia Leonhirth
Brigitte Neary
David Wallace

Meetings: The committee met four times, twice in Fall 2015 and twice in Spring 2016.

This year the committee recommended its placement in review of new programs, and the Steps for Approval of New Programs procedure was revised to include the committee's review of CHE new program proposals before proposals go to the Academic Affairs Committee. The committee met with faculty and administrators who were proposing new programs. The new program proposals brought to the committee included the bachelor's programs in Urban and Regional Studies and Applied Manufacturing Management, a master's program in Biomedical Science, and a post-bac certificate program in Orientation and Mobility. Clif Flynn and Sheryl Turner-Watts reported expected revenues and unbudgeted expenses for FY2016 and the projected revenues/expenses in FY2017. The committee discussed the funding of the budget gap in academic fringe benefits, lease payment/renovations for the River St. location in Greenville, lease payment for the George, the MOU in athletics, and the viability of maintaining the Greenhouse in the George. Sheryl Turner-Watts also reported to the committee on the allocation of funds for capital projects. The Chair of the committee attended several of the FY2017 budget hearings.

Scott Meek was elected Chair of the committee for 2016-2017.