

## Budget Principles Task Force Meeting

Minutes – 5/5/20

Task force members in attendance: Kim Walsh-Childers (chair), Rita Men, Cynthia Morton, Churchill Roberts, Talia Rogers, Matt Sheehan, Ryan Vasquez, Alex Wilkerson

Also attending: Spiro Kiouisis, Mary Ann Ferguson, Ethan Magoc, Lylly Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Executive Associate Dean Spiro Kiouisis gave the committee its charge, telling members CJC administrators do not want the task force to recommend specific cuts or identify programs, units or people as focuses for budget cutting. Rather, the task force is charged with developing broad principles based on shared values and priorities to guide the administrators' decisions *if* budget cuts are required. Kiouisis emphasized that CJC administrators still do not know for certain whether any budget cuts will be needed. He mentioned as potential examples of broad principles goals such as sustaining investment in research and scholarship, protecting professional immersion experiences for students, sustaining undergraduate and graduate education excellence, protecting the CJC's community journalism mission, and focusing on strategic reductions versus making across-the-board cuts. He said CJC administrators have been told initially to prepare for a 5 percent budget reduction but have not been told which budgets that 5 percent will apply to (e.g. state funding only vs. the CJC's entire budget).

In answer to a question about how the task force's recommendations will be used, Kiouisis said the administration's goal is to protect the functions and values the task force identifies as priorities. Given that, the task force was encouraged to produce a hierarchical list of budget principles.

The task force then discussed the lists of principles members had suggested via a [Google doc](#), which Sheehan had curated to group priorities mentioned by multiple task force members. These included priorities related to prioritizing diversity, inclusion and equity, ensuring budget decisions prioritize CJC's human capital, ensuring continued quality experiences for students, maintaining CJC's commitment to high quality scholarship and research, and ensuring that the budget decision process is transparent. Members of the group agreed to work on refining and focusing statements related to these areas for discussion at a meeting via Zoom Thursday at 2 p.m.