**Florida International University**

**Faculty Senate Budget Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Location: GL 835

Presiding: K. Surysekar

Recording: K. Surysekar

Attendance: Krishnamurthy Surysekar (chair), Mary Levitt, C. Delano Gray, Clark Wheatley, Sukumar Ganapati, Ken Jessel, Liane Martinez

I. Welcome to the 2011-12 year

II. Budget update – K. Jessel presented the update on PECO funding

● $43 million appropriated for 2011-12 versus a (price-level adjusted) average of

 $400 per year for the past 10 years.

● Critical to fund infrastructure maintenance, especially with student enrollment

 growing

● Very little resources to upgrade buildings that no longer can be used for 40 or 50

 years without high utility and repair costs

III. Budget Update – Liane Martinez presented current budget priorities and efforts underway for more efficient space utilization on campus.

● New faculty positions to attempt to maintain a 27:1 student faculty ratio

● Graduate teaching assistants

● Advisors

● Public safety

● Academic support staff

● Library support staff

● Maintenance and repairs

● Possible budget reductions in 2012

● FIU has reserves to absorb an overall 5% budget cut

IV. K. Surysekar unanimously elected chair for 2011-12.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD.