

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
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Members Present: J. Constable, R. Sanchez, A. Levi, R. Maldonado, P. Newell

Members Excused: D. Nef, J. Schmidtke

Members Absent: J. Taviano, G. DeVoogd

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Constable at 3:36 p.m. in Thomas 117.

1. Minutes

The minutes of 8 May 2013 will be presented at the next meeting.

2. Agenda

Elect a UBC chairperson for the 2013-2014 year

Discuss potential budget topics for the 2013-2014 academic year.

3. Communications and Announcements

John Constable and Dennis Nef have been requested by the Senate to give a brief overview of the budget model.

4. Election of a UBC chairperson.

The members of the Committee nominated and elected John Constable to serve as the Chair of the University Budget Committee for the 2013-2014 academic year University Budget Committee.

5. Potential topics for discussion by the UBC for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The arrival of the new budget model has generated some ripples among the Deans regarding its operation. It was discussed that a memo from the UBC to the Deans to inviting them to a meeting to ask questions might be appropriate.

It was discussed that it would be appropriate for Chair Constable to invite President Castro and Provost Hoff to separate UBC meetings to (i) introduce the Committee, (ii) identify its relationship to and independence from the Senate and (iii) highlight how the Committee has served past Presidents and Provosts.

The large amount of carry-forward – the largest of the CSUs – was discussed as to why so much money was held back and then spent on activities over the summer (e.g., upgrading the Smart Classrooms). There was a desire to learn more about “Level 0” and how budget priorities at Level 0 are determined. This includes the roles of the Vice President of Administration and the University Trustees.

There was concern that budget cuts of the last several years has minimized staffing levels with the result that many faculty are spending time on duties that detract from their intellectual efforts (teaching, research and service).

It was presented that it might be appropriate to try and codify the historical independence of the UBC from the Senate rather than relying on institutional memory.

6. New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Agenda for Wednesday 4 September 2013

1. Approval of minutes of 8 May 2013.
2. Approval of the minutes of 28 August 2013
3. Approval of agenda for 4 September 2013.
4. Communications and Announcements.
5. New Business.
6. Discussion of the budget for the upcoming academic year.