

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
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February 6, 2013

Members Present: J. Constable, P. Newell, R. Sanchez, J. Parks, R. Maldonado, D. Bukofzer, D. Nef

Members Absent: J. Taviano, A. Parham

Visitors: J. Schmidke

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

1. Minutes

MSC to approve the minutes of 23 January 2013 with corrections.

2. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.

3. Communications and Announcements

It was noted that a ballot from the Academic Senate was received by faculty to amend the Constitution of the Academic Senate regarding academic freedom. Apparently an earlier version of the amendment had legal flaws and this version must be voted on to rectify the situation.

Chair Constable noted that the UBC memo to the chair of the Academic Senate regarding the Information Technology strategic plan was passed forward to O. Benavides the Chair of the Information Technology Subcommittee at the statewide Academic Senate.

R. Maldonado briefly presented the results of the Level A Review Committee that had its final meeting on 1 Feb. 2013 at which time advisory recommendations were made to the President. Some Level A Committee members were concerned by the rushed nature of the discussions. An extension of the deadline on which the Committee report was due was requested but denied. Key elements recommended to the President regarding the Level A distributions were as follows:

1. Use of an annually recurring \$1.1 M be permanently distributed among Public Safety, Deferred Maintenance, Advancement, Athletics, Administrative Services, Facilities, and Executive in the specified proportions.

2. New base dollar allocations, estimated at \$3.0 M, to be distributed among Administrative Services, Facilities, Executive, Athletics, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs in the specified proportions.
3. A one-time \$1.1 M fund was to be divided as specified among Graduate Augmentation, Public Safety, Advancement, Athletics and Technology.
4. The Level A Review Committee also made several additional recommendations:
  - a. The Level A Review Committee continues to meet every other year to review Level A distributions and priorities
  - b. In the alternate years, the Level A Review Committee meets to review the reserves held by the divisions and centrally monitored accounts.
  - c. Reconsider the Level A percentages as new funding becomes available.
  - d. Consider increasing the student fee to athletics.
  - e. Explore the relationship between Advancement and the Foundation.

4. New Business

None

5. Discussion of the budget model

D. Nef presented to the committee some of the concerns and ideas voiced by the Deans during his presentation of the essential structure of the new budget model. These concerns included:

- There is no direct accounting for the assigned time cost of Department Chairs.
- Addressing costs associated with faculty and Chairs that serve on a 12 month basis are absent.
- The estimates of student numbers do not account for credential students.
- The proposed percentage based limits on assigned time within a School or College may not effectively address how the different units operate.
- Lab fees of \$500 per section are inadequate
- Costs of technicians, along with other staff, are not directly included in the model.
- Some Schools and Colleges are required to have “Coordinators” for specific types of programs to maintain accreditation and these costs are not explicitly included.
- There were concerns about the widely differing scales of “Start-up” packages provided to new faculty among the Schools and Colleges.

Discussions on these points identified suitable mechanisms to insert several of these costs into the model while others will require additional discussion. It was also noted that the cost-based model structure and the accounting for many different types of costs among the Schools and Colleges was adding to model complexity and, in all probability, may calculate a total operational cost of the University in excess of the actual funding level from the State.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Agenda for Wednesday 13 February 2013

1. Approval of minutes of 6 February 2013.
2. Approval of agenda for 13 February 2013.
3. Communications and Announcements.
  - a. Request from President Welty regarding the recommendations of the Level A Review Committee.
4. New Business – notification of proposed Nursing programs
5. Continued discussion on the budget model details.