

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
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September 04, 2013

Members Present: J. Constable, R. Sanchez, A. Levi, R. Maldonado, D. Nef, G. DeVoogd

Members Excused: J. Schmidtke, P. Newell

Members Absent: J. Taviano

Visitors: None

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 May 8, 2013

MSC to approve the minutes of August 28, 2013

2. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda of September 4, 2013.

3. Communications and Announcements

It was noted that new programs were being developed for a B.S in Chemistry (Department of Chemistry) and a B.S. in Urban Planning (Department of Geography). These programs are being routed through the Chancellor's Office and will not likely reach the UBC for some time.

In the past the President has permitted Schools and Colleges to have a 12% carry-forward, or more if suitably justified. President Castro has indicated that he may favor a maximum carry-forward of 5%.

The University Cabinet favors the policy that benefit costs should be transferred to individual divisions rather than being paid out of centrally monitored funds. Within this approach, individual divisions would receive the benefit dollars for existing positions that are currently being paid into centrally monitored funds; however, the benefit costs of new positions would have to be borne by the division from the division budget – the division would not receive new funds to support the new position benefit costs. The base year for identifying “new” positions would be referenced against the 2011-2012 academic year. Uncertainty remains about the implementation of this policy coupled to questions about defining a “new” position,

the actual dollar amount to be transferred to divisions, and how benefit management costs within a division are to be addressed.

R. Maldonado is on the ballot to serve on the search committee for the permanent Provost position.

4. Update on budget model status at the School and College level

D. Nef provided the members of the Committee with a brief overview of his interactions with the Deans regarding the structure and function of the new budget model. Broadly, the Deans recognize that the model is the future and are spending time examining its structure and function to assess how the its input variables affect individual colleges.

Chair Constable will send a memo to the Deans indicating they are welcome to contact the UBC if they have questions or concerns about how the model functions

5. New Business.

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m.

Agenda for 16 October 2013

1. Discussion with Provost Hoff
2. Approval of minutes of 4 September 2013.
3. Approval of agenda for 16 October 2013.
4. Communications and Announcements.
5. New Business

Upcoming meetings

Nov.13	Dean Elrod (CSM)
Nov 20	Dean Samiian
Nov 27	Dean Beare
Dec 4	President Castro