

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE (AMENDED)
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October 16, 2013

Present: J. Constable, D. Nef, R. Sanchez, R. Maldonado, G. DeVogd, J. Schmidke

Excused: P. Newell, A. Levi

Absent: A. Quinteros

Guests: Provost A. Hoff

Called to order 3:36 pm TA rm 117

1. Discussion with Provost A. Hoff

The committee had an open discussion with the Provost addressing the history of the UBC and approach of the UBC in addressing budget matters whether originating from the Senate, the Provost or the President. The points addressed during the meeting were varied, but included discussions on:

- Concerns about the increase in the number of administrators and the funds allocated to administrative functions, including assessment. Concern centered on the fact that increased administrative costs reduce the funds available for the university's core teaching mission.
- Questions about the large amount of Carry Forward funds at the end of the budget year. It was recognized that these funds may be used to support education (e.g., installation of smart classrooms) prior to the close of the budget year, however, these benefits are gained at the expense of funds during the academic year and may limit the educational experiences provided to students in the classroom by faculty.
- The need for greater transparency in the initial allocation of state funds ("Level 0"), in the President's Office (Level A), and in the Provost's office prior to funds entering the Budget Model. These

discussions emphasized the conceptual function of the UBC and that in order to best serve the University budgetary transparency is essential.

- Limitations & benefits of the new budget model including
 - The model does not provide a mechanism to reward/penalize budget decisions at the Dean's level
 - How limitations in room size (especially for C1 classes) can constrain course offerings and therefore College budgets.
 - How a potential shift to an "All Funds" budgeting approach at the college-level would potentially alter model structure.

2. Minutes

MSC to approve the minutes of 4 September 2013

3. Agenda

MSC to approve the agenda of 16 October 2013.

4. Communications and Announcements

It was noted that Robert Maldonado is serving on the Provost search committee.

5. New Business

Chair Constable has been scheduling visits to the UBC by the Deans to discuss the budget model. Currently, the following meetings have been scheduled:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Agenda for next meeting

1. Meet with Dr. S. Elrod and Dr. A. Lawson of the College of Science and Mathematics.
2. Approval of minutes of 16 October 2013.
3. Approval of agenda.
4. Communications and Announcements.
5. New Business

Upcoming meetings

Nov 20	Dean Samiian
Nov 27	Dean Beare
Dec 4	President Castro