

Minutes of the University Budget Committee Meeting

1/24/2017, Plaza Room, Administrative Center

Members Present: Curt Crespino, Diane Filion, Carol Hintz, Mark L. Johnson, Sharon Lindenbaum, Russ Melchert, Chancellor Leo Morton, Roger Pick, Bonnie Postlethwaite, Kevin Sansberry, Susan Sykes Berry, Ted White, Karen Wilkerson, Gerald Wyckoff.

Members Absent (excused): Barbara Bichelmeyer

Guest: Ali Korkmaz (new IR Director)

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by UBC Secretary Dr. Mark Johnson, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Provost Bichelmeyer who had a unanticipated conflict and was not able to attend.

Agenda Items (see attachment)

Approval of Minutes of January meeting: Gerald Wyckoff moved approval of the Minutes of the December meeting submitted by Secretary Mark Johnson. Susan Sykes Berry seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

State Updates: Chancellor Leo Morton spoke regarding the situation with cuts made by the State to the budget. He indicated that at present we do not know how much more in the way of cuts may be forthcoming. In the past any cuts or increases were bundled in a lump sum or as in the past few years, cuts were targeted on a campus by campus basis. How this will play out in the upcoming year is unclear. He then posed the question: What do we do given the uncertainty of State funds? His response was that we have to manage what we can control, which means controlling expenses and finding new sources of revenue. 80% of expenses is in salary and 20% is "other". In the short term we will focus on the "other" side of this equation. He stated that at present we have no plans to make reductions in head count, but asked are there things we can stop doing that not essential to our mission. Chancellor Morton called for suggestions for controlling expenses. There is a suggestion box for ideas to be submitted. He put out an email requesting suggestions, but had only received one comment so far. Several suggestions were discussed ranging from the level of support for the athletic program, to pooling of resources to buy equipment and avoid duplication, to management of sabbatical leaves. G

