

UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11 , 2008 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 10:00AM, Chancellor's Conference Room at Administrative Center
- UBC members present: Gail Hackett (Chair) Betty Drees, Curt Crespino, Lawrence Dreyfus, Gary Ebersole, Laura Gayle Green, Tony Luppino. Paris Saunders, Lanny Solomon and Karen Vorst.
- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Margaret Brommelsiek, Rick Anderson, Larry Bunce, Mary Lou Hine Fritts, Karen Wilkerson and John Morrissey

II. Work with Chancellor on Possible Elements of Impact Statement Report

- Working off of a "Proposed Overview of the Work Effort" that was enthusiastically adopted by the group, Chancellor Morton led the Committee and other participants through a multi-part session designed to assist him with a report UMKC must deliver to the UM System on December 12 in connection with the core cuts impact statement the System must submit to the Missouri Department of Higher Education on or about December 18.
- Key components of the discussion included:
 - Consensus on the guiding principle of protecting UMKC's core mission and the quality of its teaching, research and service
 - Taking a "cost side" approach to the State Appropriation reduction impact analysis that for the time being assumes no significant revenue increases through tuition, System-level adjustments or other sources, but is considered in the context of UMKC's overall current revenue and expense budget.
 - Examining possibilities at different extremes and categories of hypothetical cut scenarios.
 - Prioritizing possible sources of cuts, including, among other things, responding to inquiries about the possibility of cutting non-degree centers/programs.
 - Reviewing a sampling of the unit level reports submitted on December 10 in the hypothetical 15%, 20% and 25% State Appropriation reduction exercise.

- As a result of detailed discussion of these matters, the group was able to generate useful estimates of some major categories of possible absorption of State funding reduction at each of the three alternative magnitudes. It was decided that (1) the Finance Office would continue to study the unit level reports as a means to confirm/tighten up those estimates; and (2) Chancellor Morton will circulate to the UBC for comment a draft of his December 12 cover letter and impact report to the System.
- During the course of the session Provost Hackett and Larry Bunce reported some encouraging preliminary data regarding an increase in student applications for Fall 2009 enrollment, and the Committee and the Chancellor reiterated their endorsement of a marketing/recruiting push to enhance public awareness of the opportunities UMKC, a multidisciplinary research university, offers for a high quality and affordable education.

III. Administrative Matters Going Forward

- For the balance of December Chancellor Morton will keep the UBC informed of budget-related developments by e-mail, and, if necessary, emergency meetings of the UBC will be called.
- A schedule will be established for regular UBC meetings to occur approximately every two weeks starting on or about January 8 and continuing throughout the Winter semester.