

Minutes of the University Budget Committee Meeting

8/23/2018, Brookside Room, Administrative Center

Members Present: Mauli Agrawal, Barbara Bichelmeyer, Kelli Cox, Stephen Dilks, Sheri Gormley, Roland Hemmings Jr., Mark L. Johnson, Brian Klaas, Sharon Lindenbaum, Michele Maher, Bonnie Postlethwaite, Leigh Salzsieder, Kevin Truman, Karen Wilkerson.

Members Absent (excused): David Fulks / Jaelon Brooks, Viviana Grieco, Carol Hintz, Ali Korkmaz, Sandra Miles

UBC Secretary Mark Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

Agenda Items (see attached Agenda)

Approval of Minutes of the August 23rd, 2018 meeting: Secretary Mark Johnson asked if there were any edits to the May 3, 2018 meeting minutes? None were submitted. Kelli Cox moved approval of the Minutes as submitted. Kevin Truman seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

State Updates

Chancellor Agrawal stated that the decision to locate the conservatory close to campus and not in the downtown area has gone public. There is currently a request for additional information from all who applied regarding potential plans for construction within a 2.5 mile radius of campus, which is due by 9/18/18. Conversations with the legislators and potential donors are ongoing. Stephen Dilks asked if there would be a public performance part of any new building? Chancellor Agrawal replied that no definite plans have been made yet.

Chancellor Agrawal summarized several other initiatives underway at present:

- New investments from System should be forthcoming for scholarships
- Ongoing search for Chief of Staff in the Chancellor's Office should be done in the next few weeks
- Search for new Athletic Director will be starting soon and hope to have it finished in early November
- He sees UMKC as having turned the corner financially; need to focus on increasing retention and try to intervene with new and current students so that they do not leave.

Mark asked about how we plan to absorb the decreased enrollment created impact on the budget? Chancellor Agrawal replied that he is not sure yet.

Provost Bichelmeyer stated that we need to figure out how we can better compete with our neighboring institutions, especially in advertising the unique qualities of an UMKC educational experience as one means of driving increasing enrollment. Chancellor Agrawal agreed that we need better ways to attract students, but that solving retention issues are critical at this time. Mark noted his experience with the Creighton University volunteer efforts in the Omaha Community and around the world and suggested that UMKC needs a highly visible student presence in the Kansas City region. Chancellor Agrawal agreed with this and mentioned his conversation with a person from Blue Springs who wondered where the UMKC presence was during college recruitment times in their high schools. Provost Bichelmeyer noted that changes are being made in our student recruitment strategies.

Michelle Maher mentioned the high quality website she saw yesterday from a neighboring institution and wondered when are we going to update ours? Chancellor Agrawal indicated that changes would be coming soon. Stephen Dilks noted that we need to do a better job of internally promoting our programs to existing students about options at UMKC instead of seeking external choices. Provost Bichelmeyer indicated that there are 3 initiatives underway that impact all of this discussion:

- Improvements in scholarshiping
- The need to give our students a clear path to graduation, which will be in place by the end of Fall
- Need to improve Advising support

Chancellor Agrawal indicated that we definitely need to work on all of this. The Administration is currently looking at a lot of data to identify differences between students who stay versus those who leave. Especially important is to also identify students who need support and then have mechanisms in place support them before they fail.

RIM training and Preliminary FY18 year-end financial report; The UBC was moved into Executive session and minutes suspended during this report.

Review of Budget Rules, Roles and Responsibilities: moved to October meeting due to time.

FSBC Report – Mark Johnson indicated the committee had met and would make a fuller report at the October meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Johnson, Ph.D.
Secretary
University Budget Committee

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2018-2019 Academic Year Calendar for the University Budget Committee

Month/Date/Time	Agenda Items
August	New Members Seated, UBC Orientation, State Updates, Preliminary FY18 year-end financial statement review, FSBC report
September	State Updates, Review of Budget Rules and Responsibilities, Review of RIM, FSBC report
October	State Updates, Q1 FY19 report review, Budget planning updates, APR Data Annual Update, FSBC report
November	State Updates, ORS Annual Research Report (including Financials), Administrative Services Annual Update, FSBC report
December	State Updates, FSBC report, Financial forecast (operating fund 4+8)
January	State Updates, RIM high level projection, Budget Planning updates, FSBC report
February	State Updates, Q2 FY19 report review, FSBC report, Financial forecast (operating fund 6+6)
March	State Updates, RIM preliminary projection, FSBC report
April	State Updates, Finance Budget Review, FSBC report
May	State Updates, Q3 FY19 report review, Finance Budget Review, FSBC report
June	State Updates, RIM final, Finance Budget Review, FSBC report