

## Minutes of the University Budget Committee Meeting

12/12/19, Brookside Room, Administrative Center

Members Present: Mauli Agrawal, Barbara Bichelmeyer, Chris Brown, Kelli Cox, Barbara Glesner Fines, Sheri Gormley, Roland Hemmings Jr., Mark L. Johnson, Brian Klaas, Ali Korkmaz, Sharon Lindenbaum, Chris Liu, Michelle Maher, Tom Mardikes, Erik Olsen, Leigh Salzsieder, Kevin Truman, Karen Wilkerson.

Members Absent (excused): Barbara Glesner Fines, Zane Heflin.

Guests: Jenny Lundgren.

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

### **Agenda Items** (see attached Agenda)

Approval of Minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting: Secretary Mark Johnson asked if there were any edits to the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes? No additional corrections were made. Kevin Truman moved approval of the Minutes as submitted. Kelli Cox seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chancellor's Comments: Chancellor Agrawal began by wishing Provost Bichelmeyer the best on her move to the University of Kansas and indicated that he was happy for her. She will continue as Provost until January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He has appointed Dr. Jenny Lundgren as Interim Provost and Dr. Diane Filion as Deputy Provost until a new Provost is identified. Chancellor Agrawal will have IT report to him. Ongoing searches will continue, but planned searches will be on hold, however some positions may need to be addressed on an individual basis. The plan is to launch the new Provost search asap with the goal of having a new Provost in place by late summer if at all possible. He is currently working with System as to how the search logistics will be handled. Chancellor Agrawal next reported that the HLC initial report is expected in January. He expects that there will be some things that will need to be addressed. The HLC site visitors indicated to him that there is a high level of trust at UMKC that they rarely see. The culture at UMKC was viewed as very positive and impressive, but they recognized there are stresses.

HLC Report: Kelli Cox indicated that a preliminary report from the HLC is expected in January, as noted by the Chancellor. The HLC Leadership Team is expecting some questions that will need responses and fact checking. We will get the final report in June, most likely. Kelli indicated that under the new HLC process, we will be expected to provide an update every 4 years. Currently the plan is to put together a 6-8 member team to spend the next 5 years working on any issues. Sharon Lindenbaum noted that on the last day the HLC asked for several pieces of financial documentation that she provided. She also noted that the Podcasts that had been developed for the HLC visit were quite useful and informative. Kelli indicated that they are working on getting a strategy in place to keep the positive momentum going.

International Student Affairs Office: Secretary Johnson indicated that it had been brought to his attention that there were issues with delay in processing paperwork for International Students that created the potential for losing qualified applicants who have applied to other institutions.

He asked if this had been experienced by anyone else? Eric noted inefficiencies in the SLATE system and no one seemed to have proper training for it, once the old system stopped in summer. He became aware of this, took training, and noted there was a backlog. Mark noted that what precipitated his inquiry had to do with international students applying to his department's graduate program. Jenny commented on the relationship between SGS and IASO and noted that a lot of the issues seems to come down to manpower. Kevin indicated that they hired a person to work in IASO to handle SCE international student applicants. Eric indicated that part of the problem seems to be in the admissions portal. Chancellor Agrawal stated that he had seen this same problem at his prior institution and now that he is aware of it, he will take steps to address this. Kevin stated that it is critically important to process applications quickly otherwise we risk losing qualified applicants to other institutions.

Other Business: VCR Chris Liu reported that compared to the same 5 months of last year, our number of grant applications was up 17%, grants funded has increased 30% and dollars funded has increased 50%. It is important to keep this up. His office is also working on getting space numbers and dollar amounts.

FSBC Report: Mark stated that the FSBC meeting for December had been canceled and that the committee would resume activity in January/February.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



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