

UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2015 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 2:00PM, Gillham Park Room at Administrative Center
- UBC regular members present: Wayne Vaught (Interim Chair), Curt Crespino, Dave Donnelly, Lyla Lindholm, Tony Luppino, Russ Melchert, Marsha Pyle, Susan Sykes-Berry and Mel Tyler. Absent: Kevin Sansberry and Peggy Ward-Smith.
- UBC ex-officio members present: Larry Bunce, Sharon Lindenbaum, John Morrissey, Karen Wilkerson.
- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Larry Bunce, Cindy Pemberton, and Buddy Pennington (for Peggy Ward-Smith).

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters

- A correction to the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Committee meeting was approved.
- The minutes of the March 18, 2015 Committee meeting, in the form last circulated before the meeting, were approved.

III. Presentation by the Chancellor

- Chancellor Morton made a presentation regarding his preliminary plan for FY 2016 General Revenue Allocations apportionment. In general terms it involved (i) strategic adjustments from an initial Budget Model run for FY 2016 which had, among other things, incorporated Delaware data in the State Appropriation allocation component (after off-the-top allocations), (ii) an increase in the amount of the General Overhead Assessment, (iii) consideration of productivity measures derived from the Delaware data where applicable, and (iv) the objective of getting as many units as reasonably possible sufficient GRA to avoid running at an operating deficit for FY 2016. The preliminary plan also included a change in reserves policy designed to produce a pool of reserves for strategic funding (while keeping track of unit-by-unit contributions to that pool).
- Committee members who commented were generally very supportive of the Chancellor's FY 2016 GRA apportionment plan, though there were comments about needing to get into the details and to consider some implications going forward.

- During the course of the discussion, in response to questions about the Budget Model run assumptions used in the plan, Sharon Lindenbaum and Karen Wilkerson indicated that(i) some subtractions and some additions had been made to the discretionary (non-legislative) allocations off the top of the State Appropriation, and (ii) that only one (tracking of the usage of the large recently constructed Miller Nichols Library expansion classrooms) of the possible changes in the sharing of the General Overhead Assessment described in the Budget Model Review Subcommittee’s Report & Recommendations had been adopted so far. It was noted that Committee members should be given an opportunity to review and provide input on all proposed modifications to the Budget Model in the preliminary plan as it finishes its work in that connection.
- The Chancellor agreed that he would participate in a meeting with the Faculty Senate Budget Committee to discuss the size of the General Overhead Assessment and the line items comprising it.
- In terms of vetting his preliminary FY 2016 GRA apportionment plan the Chancellor indicated that he planned to first meet with the Deans, and, after that, with the Faculty Senate. He indicated that he plans to move forward with the FY 2014 partial net tuition “true up” he had previously described to the Committee and would be describing that to those groups as well. He is still considering whether to make GRA adjustments for FY 2015.