

UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2016 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 11:00AM, Brookside Room at Administrative Center
- UBC Members present: Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer (Chair), Curt Crespino, Mark Johnson, Tony Luppino, Russ Melchert, Susan Sykes Berry, Mel Tyler, Wayne Vaught, Theodore White and (for Peggy Ward Smith) Gerald Wyckoff. Absent: Kevin Sansberry, Peggy Ward Smith.
- UBC *Ex Officio* Members: Larry Bunce, Sharon Lindenbaum, and Karen Wilkerson.
- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton and John Morrissey.

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters:

- The minutes of the March 24, 2016 Committee meeting were approved in the form last circulated before the meeting.

III. Report on State/System Developments

- Chancellor Morton, with input from other UMKC Central Administration officials, reported on State and System-level developments since the March 24 Committee meeting. The most significant updates were about the recently announced setting of the State Appropriation, which included a 4% performance funding increase, (with 10% thereof held back for diversity initiatives), and less of a cut to UM System Central Administration than previously discussed (the new cut figure being \$3.8 million). These results on the State Appropriation were accompanied by holding undergraduate in-state tuition rates flat.

IV. Information Related to Draft FY 2017 GRA Apportionment

- The remainder of this one-hour session was principally devoted to discussion of the draft FY 2017 GRA apportionment circulated to unit leaders on or about May 4. Some of the Committee members had expressed concern that the draft GRA apportionment had not been presented to the Committee for its advisory input before it was sent out to unit leaders. There was discussion during this portion of the meeting about balancing time pressures to get information to unit leaders (caused in large part by the timing of the State Appropriation announcement) with the need to allow the Committee

reasonable opportunities to deliver informed advisory input consistent with its charge.

- Vice Chancellor Lindenbaum then circulated a package of budget-related materials designed to respond to requests from some Committee members for data needed to facilitate informed UBC input, and explained various aspects of the reports circulated. Some preliminary questions were asked by Committee members at that time, and answers provided. A specific request was made for additional per unit “all funds” data—Vice Chancellor Lindenbaum indicated that such reports exist and have been used in budgeting.
- While the Committee was generally grateful for the package of materials, it was also pointed out that it contains a substantial amount of data and agreed that the Committee should be given some reasonable time to review it and then reconvene so that it could provide the Chancellor with better informed input on the draft GRA apportionment for 2017 and key related issues (such as salary raises policies—a subject discussed near the end of the meeting). Provost Bichelmeyer, as UBC Chair, agreed that a meeting to reconvene to discuss FY 2017 budgeting would be scheduled.