

UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2015 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 10:00AM, Gillham Park Room at Administrative Center
- UBC regular members present: Wayne Vaught (Interim Chair), Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer, Curt Crespino, Tony Luppino, Russ Melchert, Kevin Sansberry, Mel Tyler, and Ted White. Absent: Susan Sykes-Berry and Peggy Ward-Smith.
- UBC *ex-officio* members present: Sharon Lindenbaum, John Morrissey, and Karen Wilkerson.
- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Larry Bunce, and (attending for Peggy Ward-Smith) Gerald Wyckoff.

II. Administrative Matters

- UMKC's new Provost, Barbara Bichelmeyer, was introduced to the Committee.
- The minutes of the July 30, 2015 Committee meeting, in the form last circulated before the meeting, were approved subject to insertion of an appendix being supplied by Karen Wilkerson regarding preliminary 2015-16 UBC budgeting timetable.
- The Chancellor agree that Faculty Senate Secretary Gerald Wyckoff can attend the fall semester Committee meetings in place of Faculty Senate Chair Peggy Ward-Smith.
- Dean Ted White (SBS) was welcomed to the Committee as the replacement for Dean Marsha Pyle (whose term had expired) recommended by the Deans' Council and approved by the Chancellor.
- UBC Secretary Tony Luppino noted that the Faculty Senate will be recommending a replacement on the Committee for Prof. Lyla Lindholm (whose term had also expired). Faculty Senate Secretary Gerald Wyckoff confirmed that the Faculty Senate was schedule to take up that matter at its first fall semester meeting.

III. Chancellor's Reports on State, UM System and UMKC Budget-Related Matters

- Chancellor Morton noted that a System officers/Curators retreat is scheduled to occur in September and will likely have effects on our working

assumption for FY 2017 budgeting, particularly with respect to tuition and fee rates.

- The Chancellor also noted that a request to expand the UMKC Dental School's operations to Joplin is pending.

IV. Review of List of Information Requests Re: Budget Model Review/Revision

The Committee took up the carryover matter from prior meetings regarding whether certain line items within the General Overhead Assessment component of the Budget Model run for FY 2016 and going forward should be shared/borne among the 11 principal academic units under a different metric/ratio than contemplated in the Budget Model run for FY 2016. After (i) the provision of some background information by UBC Secretary Luppino, (ii) the Chancellor making it clear that any changes on the sharing of such line items would not alter his General Revenue Allocations decisions for FY 2016 (but instead be viewed as refinements to the Budget Model as a management tool for his use, but which does not by itself dictate the ultimate GRA apportionment), and (iii) substantial discussion by Committee members and others in attendance, the Committee recommended and the Chancellor agreed to consider the following:

- The debt service on the Miller Nichols Library “robot” will be apportioned in the same manner as the main Miller Nichols Library General Revenue revenues support is apportioned among the academic units in the current General Overhead Assessment metrics.
- The costs of the large classrooms constructed in the Miller Nichols Library will be charged in the ratio of Total Current Funds Expenditures.
- IT/IS will be charged in accordance with Vice Chancellor Fritts' recommendation that the Budget Model revert to its original sharing metric on this item (total faculty, staff and student headcount, not adjusted to FTE), instead of the alternate metric adopted in the spring of 2013.
- The item regarding the (Intercollegiate) Athletics Investment under the General Overhead Assessment was tabled for further Committee discussion after a comprehensive study is done this fall on the operating budget, the overall UMKC investment in Athletics, and the Chancellors related plans—per discussion some faculty representatives had with Chancellor Morton and Vice Chancellor Lindenbaum this past spring—by a task force including the Chancellor, other Central Administration staff he designates, representatives of the Athletics operations, and faculty members designated by the Faculty Senate or other pertinent faculty groups.

VI. Preliminary Report on FY 2015 Operating Fund Results

As the allotted time for the meeting was running out this item was tabled for future presentation and discussion.