UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:
   • 1:00PM, Provost's Conference Room at Administrative Center
   • UBC members present: Betty Drees, Curt Crespino, Lawrence Dreyfus, Gary Ebersole, Laura Gayle Green, Tony Luppino, Paris Saunders and Karen Vorst. UBC members absent: Gail Hackett and Lanny Solomon.
   • Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Jan Brandow, Mel Tyler, Karen Wilkerson and John Morrisey

II. Administrative Matters:
   • The minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting of the Committee, in the forms circulated prior to and presented at the meeting, were approved.

III. Chancellor’s Report on Department of Higher Education Request
   • Chancellor Morton described the core cuts impact statement request being made of many branches of Missouri State government, and specifically the request made by the Missouri Department of Higher Education to which the UM-System is subject.
   • The Chancellor explained that the UM System was required to submit to the MDHE by December 18 an impact statement regarding, alternatively, 15%, 20% and 25% cuts in the State Appropriation. Based on FY09 figures, this would mean for UMKC hypothetical cuts of approximately $12.6 million, $17 million, or $22 million under those three “core cut” scenarios. He also discussed with the Committee the relative size of those amounts of possible reduction in the context of UMKC’s total operating revenues.
   • Chancellor Morton further explained that meetings and conference calls were underway among the System President, the Chancellors, and other System personnel regarding the gathering of pertinent information and the preparation of a response to the impact statement request. He indicated that he would know more after some upcoming calls/meetings, but at the time of the Committee meeting believed there would be a high-level response concerning major categories of possible cuts and related impacts, and not a unit level hypothetical cuts exercise.
IV. Discussion of Scholarships/Waivers Planning

- Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Mel Tyler and Director of Financial Aid Jan Brandow provided the Committee with a very helpful overview of various types of scholarships and tuition waivers granted at UMKC and related processes, and provided suggestions for the Committee to consider for both (a) more accurate prediction of unfunded scholarships waivers in budgeting and (b) judicious use of UMKC's available scholarship/waivers resources.

- This discussion included Director Brandow taking the Committee through a handout entitled “2007-2008 GRA Scholarship Expenditure Summary.” During this discussion it was made clear that the major categories of scholarships and waivers reflected on that Summary report are comprised of many different subtypes of scholarships/waivers.

- The Committee decided to ask Director Brandow and the Finance Office to prepare a more detailed version of the 2007-2008 GRA Scholarship Expenditure Summary to show for each school its respective dollar amounts of each subtype of scholarship waiver. The goal is to use that detail to facilitate review of the processes and policies surrounding the granting of these awards (including determining which are mandatory/automatic and which discretionary) and to improve accessibility to related data so as to allow for more accurate prediction of the dollar amount of such awards in budgeting.

V. Administrative Matters Going Forward

- The UBC members will participate in a December 10 meeting with the Chancellor, the Deans Council, the Faculty Senate Budget Committee, Vice Chancellors/Direct Reports and Staff Council representatives to provided updated information and discuss the current budget challenges.

- The UBC’s next regular meeting will be held in January, but special/emergency meetings may be held before then.