UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2012 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 10:00AM, Plaza Room at Administrative Center
- UBC members present: Betty Drees (via phone), Lawrence Dreyfus, Gary Ebersole, Provost Gail Hackett (Chair), Carol Hintz, Tony Luppino, Kevin Truman and Mel Tyler. Absent: Maureen Hannoun, Michael Plamann, and Lanny Solomon.
- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Larry Bunce, Jennifer DeHaemers, Andry Joswara Sharon Lindenbaum, John Morrissey, and Karen Wilkerson.

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters:

- The minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting of the Committee were approved in the form last circulated prior to the meeting.

III. Report on State/System Developments Re: Budgeting

- The Chancellor reported that although many interested parties are arguing in favor of protection of higher education in State budgeting for FY 2013, the wisest approach at this time if for the Committee to base its current budgeting recommendations on the assumption that the State Appropriation will be cut along the lines of the 12.5% reduction proposed by the Governor.

- He also reported that the Curators plan to take up the issue of student fees and tuition rates at the February 2/3 meetings at UMKC, though it is possible final decisions, especially on tuition rates, won’t be made at that time. UMKC has submitted a 3% increase proposal generally.

- Ensuing discussion included a call for continued collaboration with the UMKC 2020 Task Force’s Administrative & Support Services Committee on the UMKC Shared Services Initiative as one means of trying to manage operating expenses.

IV. Discussion of UMKC’s Unfunded Scholarships/Waivers

- Vice Chancellor Tyler and Associate Vice Chancellor DeHaemers made a presentation to the Committee on unfunded scholarships/waivers, with particular emphasis on the various types of “automatic” scholarships. The presentation included some history regarding reports from consultants on
UMKC scholarships; a review of trends in percentage of aggregate tuition discounts over several years; a breakdown of various types of UMKC tuition discounts, identification of nonresident waivers as a particularly significant item; and some discussion of information on how one other public university (the University of New Hampshire) addresses scholarship expense in its resource allocations system.

- The Committee expressed appreciation for an excellent presentation and a desire to follow up on issues raised by it in making recommendations on tuition discounts policies and practices that, as a practical matter, would apply to academic years starting in Fall of 2013 and thereafter.

V. Report on Status of SBS/SOM Partnership Discussions

- Dean Dreyfus reported that the previously announced half-day retreat regarding the exploration of a SBS/SOM partnership was held in December. Dean Drees noted that the retreat was extraordinarily collegial. Dean Dreyfus then explained that reports on revenue/value-adding suggestions identified at the retreat were due January 20 from action groups and that the Steering Committee on the SBS/SOM partnership discussions would review those reports and then get back to the action groups. He also indicated that the plan is to get a discussion draft of a plan to the Chancellor and UBC by the end of February, with the goal of having a final plan by the end of March, though he noted that might be a little optimistic.