UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2012 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 2:30PM, Gilham Park Room at Administrative Center

- UBC members present: Betty Drees (via telephone), Gary Ebersole, Provost Gail Hackett (Chair), Maureen Hannoun, Carol Hintz, Tony Luppino, Michael Plamann, Kevin Truman, and Mel Tyler. Absent: Lawrence Dreyfus and Lanny Solomon.

- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Larry Bunce, Sharon Lindenbaum, John Morrissey, and Karen Wilkerson.

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters:

- The minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting were approved in the form last circulated before the meeting.

III. Report on State/System Developments and Context for UMKC Budgeting

- Chancellor Morton indicated that there were no specific significant State or System-level developments affecting FY 2013 operating fund budgeting since the May 17 meeting to report.

IV. Discussion of Second Group of Budget Model Review Questions

- The Committee discussed the second group of Budget Model Review Questions (“Net Tuition Attribution”), taking into account very helpful information supplied by Vice Chancellor Tyler. This discussion produced the following observations and recommendations:

  o In situations in which the identification of the “home unit” is clear, the current general rule for apportionment of tuition from cross-unit instruction between the home unit and the teaching unit appears to be working acceptably.

  o The Office of Finance & Budgeting will continue to identify and bring to the Committee’s attention situations in which the determination of “home unit” is difficult so that the Committee might make further recommendations regarding apportionment of tuition,
along the lines of the approach take last year with regard to attribution of scholarships for undergraduate students involved in cross-unit instruction. It was noted in this connection, as was the case with such scholarships methodology revisions (and any subsequent further modifications to the scholarship attribution rules), that such recommendations will need to balance considerations of fairness, simplicity, predictability, and accounting feasibility and accounting time and other costs.

- There is a need to continue to remind Deans and fiscal officers of the provisions in the Budget Model allowing for negotiated deals (subject to approval by the Provost) among academic units with respect to interdisciplinary courses, deviating from the general rules on tuition sharing between “home” and “teaching” units, in order to facilitate and incentivize interdisciplinary collaborations. Examples previously circulated should be recirculated as needed to facilitate widespread understanding that this mechanism exists, has been utilized successfully by some units, and can and should be utilized by others.

- With respect to the programs specifically excluded from the tuition attribution rules of Appendix 2 of the Budget Model, the Office of Finance & Budgeting should study the relationships among such treatment of those programs, the Institutional Offset, and the General Overhead Assessment, to help the Committee determine if current practices are causing any program(s) to generate any unintended double-counting (or under-counting) that might merit adjustment.

V. Administrative Matters Going Forward

- Appropriate steps will be taken to gather nominations for the Chancellor to consider in filling vacancies and conforming the membership of the Committee to the Committee template.