I. Time, Location and Attendance:

- 8:30AM, Gillham Park Room at Administrative Center

- UBC members present: Provost Gail Hackett (Chair), Dave Donnelly, Gary Ebersole, Maureen Hannoun, Carol Hintz, Lyla Lindholm, Tony Luppino, Michael Plamann, Kevin Truman, Mel Tyler, and Wayne Vaught. Absent: Marsha Pyle.

- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Larry Bunce, Miguel Carranza, Andry Joswara, Sharon Lindenbaum, John Morrissey, Peggy Ward-Smith and Karen Wilkerson.

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters:

- The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved in the form last circulated before the meeting.

III. Discussion of UMKC Long-Term Financial Strategies

- Provost Hackett explained that she called this special meeting of the UBC, and invited UMKC representatives on the UM System Strategic Planning Committee (Miguel Carranza and Peggy Ward-Smith attended this meeting), in order to more clearly link long-term financial planning to long-term strategic planning for UMKC.

- In preparation for the meeting the Provost circulated several items of written material to the Committee, addressing issues, recent developments and trends in financial aspects of university planning, decision making and operations.

- During the meeting a short film depicting a possible future course of higher education entitled “Epic 2020” was shown (see http://epic2020.org/).

- In addition, the meeting included an exercise in which attendees placed green dots on posters relating to various issues raised by the readings and film, as a means of getting a preliminary sense of how the group might prioritize consideration of the many issues presented.
There was Committee consensus on the importance of coordinating long-term financial strategies with other aspects of UMKC strategic planning, and wide participation in commenting on the many topics raised during the meeting—including, among others: the emergence of Massive Open On-Line Courses; the role of technology in higher education generally; the perspectives of students on the costs and value of a college degree; and the need to have a financial plan that is increasingly less dependent on the State Appropriation.

The meeting concluded with a call for suggestions on any or all matters discussed during the meeting, and statement of intent to continue to make sure that long-term financial strategies planning, in close collaboration with other strategic planning bodies, remains a key part of the Committee’s work.