UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2012 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:
   • 10:00AM, Gilham 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, Marsha Pyle, Kevin Truman, Mel Tyler, and Wayne Vaught.
   • Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Larry Bunce, Andry Joswara, Sharon Lindenbaum, and Karen Wilkerson.

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters:
   • The minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting were approved in the form last circulated before the meeting.

III. Report on State/System/UMKC Developments and Budgeting Context
   • Chancellor Morton addressed questions regarding carryover items from prior meetings, as well as recent developments, producing the following significant points:

   o While there is still no guarantee, it now seems likely that all or at least a very substantial portion of the up to approximately $5 million of FY 2013 State Appropriation in excess of the level of State Appropriation assumed in the April 30, 2012 GRA apportionment for FY 2013 (hereinafter, such excess being referred to as the “FY 2013 State Money Holdback”) will be available for UMKC use. It was agreed that the Central Administration will assemble for circulation to the Committee, Deans’ Council, Faculty Senate and other interested UMKC constituencies, a list, with dollar amounts and brief descriptions of the items the Chancellor, with input from the Provost and the Committee, has decided to prioritize in applying the FY 2013 State Money Holdback.

   o The latest word from the UM System is that the plan President Wolfe was considering, involving holding back a portion of the FY 2014 State Appropriation and disbursing such portion across the System campuses to fund strategic initiatives, will not be implemented for FY 2014.

   o UM System Vice President of Finance & Administration Nikki Krawitz has noted that in FY 2014 budgeting any proposed student fee increases will be subjected to close scrutiny.
There is no resolution yet of the School of Biological Sciences and School of Medicine exploration of a possible merger or partnership. Consultants are being engaged at the direction of the Chancellor to explore at least three scenarios. There is no set timetable yet for the completion of the consultants’ work and delivery of a report.

IV. Major Support Costs Updated Benchmarking

- The Committee agreed that Larry Bunce, Director of UMKC Institutional Research-Assessment and Planning, should continue to update the study of benchmarking of major support costs using the most recently available data from the same databases used in the 2008-2009 study in which he assisted the then Support Costs Review Committee, and coordinate his work with the Administrative & Support Services Committee.

V. Upcoming UBC Initiatives and Agenda Items

- In terms of next steps toward FY 2014 budget planning, the Committee arrived at the following recommendations:
  
  o The Central Administration should present for discussion at a Spring Semester UBC meeting a report on the details of the latest thinking on the resource allocations to and ongoing funding of University College.

  o As previously contemplated, Vice Chancellor of Research & Economic Development Lawrence Dreyfus should present to the UBC at an early Spring semester meeting the results of his study of “Recovery F & A,” addressing his thoughts/recommendations on both how to increase UMKC grants (and thus the amount of Recovery F & A) and how to apply such funds at UMKC.

  o A report from the Central Administration on “full cost recovery” (also known as the “Institutional Offset”), and any proposed changes to how that is handled, should be presented to the UBC for its review and input in February.

  o A subcommittee consisting of Dean Truman, Associate Dean Donnelly, and Karen Wilkerson should study possible ways to use more current SCH data in the Budget Model apportionment of GRA than under current practices and report their conclusions to the UBC.