UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2013 MEETING

I. Time, Location and Attendance:

• 1:30PM, Plaza 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, Mel Tyler, and Wayne Vaught. Absent: Kevin Truman.

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

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters:

• The minutes of the April 2, 2013 meeting were approved in the form last circulated before the meeting.

III. Report on State/System Developments

• There were no significant new State/System developments directly affecting UMKC budgeting since the March 14 meeting for the Chancellor to report to the UBC.

• It remains the case that the System is recommending (but not mandating) efforts to implement at 2% to 3% average salary increase. UMKC unit leaders have been asked to budget for such an average salary increase—but not as an across-the-board matter; rather they are being asked to plan salary increases based on merit, equity, and strategic objectives.

• In addition, group discussion of prior developments clarified that the current working assumption is that UMKC’s State Appropriation for FY 2014 will likely be 99% of the FY 2013 State Appropriation, with the other 1% potentially available under a “matching” system for strategic initiatives—in other words, it may be necessary or advisable to budget for the cost of the match in order to be prepared to obtain the additional 1%.

III. Overall Amount and Apportionment of General Overhead Assessment

• In follow up to the preliminary projection of the amount of the General Overhead Assessment for FY 2014 presented at the March 14 meeting, the Committee asked if it was contemplated that the preliminary figure for the total amount of the Assessment would become the actual figure for the FY
2014 Budget Model run. After some discussion it was concluded, with the approval of the Chancellor, that the current plan is to use that figure, which is: $71,741,925.

- The discussion then turned to the apportionment of the General Overhead Assessment among the 11 principal academic units. In that connection Karen Wilkerson circulated a schedule illustrating how the Assessment would be apportioned if the modified sharing metrics developed in April 2012 were fully implemented for FY 2014 (having been 50% implemented in FY 2013). It was agreed that the Committee needed some time to study the schedule circulated before providing input on this matter, and that to aid in that study the memo/worksheet from last April showing the changes in the metrics (and which support functions fall into the respective modified categories of the metrics).

IV. Proposed Use of the Approximately $2.7 Million Uncommitted Portion of the State Money from Prior FY 2013 Holdback

- This item was deferred for further discussion at a future Committee meeting.

V. Updated “Targeted Obligations List”

- Karen Wilkerson circulated an updated version of what the Committee has in the past referred to as the “Targeted Obligations List,” now showing some significant items for which funding may be necessary between now and FY 2017.

- It was noted that many of the “old” items have now been handled, and others are new items (in terms of being seen by the Committee for the first time). The presentation was informational and the Committee did not make any recommendations on any particular items—deferring that for future consideration.

VI. Possible Special Allocations “Off the Top” of FY 2014 State Appropriation

- The Committee briefly discussed a list of potential new “off the top” special allocations from the FY 2014 State Appropriation under consideration by the Chancellor as a preliminary matter. Some questions were asked about a few items, but the Committee again deferred for a subsequent meeting making any recommendations on the items on list presented, pending further study and discussion.