UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2014 MEETING  

I. Time, Location and Attendance:  

- 10:00AM, Gillham Park Room at Administrative Center  

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

- Others present: Chancellor Leo Morton, Andy Joswara, Sharon Lindenbaum, John Morrissey, Karen Wilkerson.  

II. Preliminary Administrative Matters and State/System Developments  

- The minutes of the April 17, 2014 Committee meeting, in the form last circulated before the meeting, were approved.  

III. Report State and System Developments  

- Chancellor Morton provided a report and responded to questions about State and System budget-related developments and circumstances. Significant information provided in this connection included:  
  
  o The Governor had made a FY 14 “holdback”. As of the date of the meeting the UMKC share of the holdback was approximately $342,000.  
  o While there are uncertainties, the current thinking for the FY 15 State Appropriation is a 5% increase over FY 15. If there is an increase of at least 4.5% recent discussions have indicated that 1.5% would go to all campuses proportionately, and the other 3.0% would go through a competitive strategic initiatives process.  
  o There has been no indication that System President Wolfe will for FY 15 reallocate a percentage of the “core” State Appropriation to a strategic initiatives pool.  
  o Discussions are ongoing with the Governor regarding a proposed 50/50 match arrangement on maintenance and repairs to System facilities (which might include work on School of Medicine labs at UMKC).
IV. UMKC FY 15 Operating Fund Budgeting

- Questions were asked of the Chancellor, the Provost, Vice Chancellor Lindenbaum, and Director of Budgeting/Planning Karen Wilkerson regarding UMKC’s FY 15 Operating Fund budgeting. Significant information provided in this connection included:
  
  - No new special allocations “off the top” of UMKC’s State Appropriation are currently contemplated for FY 15.
  - The salary adjustments and Global Grading special allocations for FY 14 were one time allocations.
  - UMKC is committed to having a “balanced budget” (i.e., no excess of operating expenses over operating revenues) for FY 15.
  - The per unit “whole board” schedules (showing budgeted and actual operating revenues and operating expenses for the fiscal years since partial phase-in of the Budget Model commenced in FY 09) for the central administrative/support units, similar to those provided to the Budget Model Review Subcommittee for the 11 principal academic units, are in process. The “General Overhead Assessment” has not yet been set for FY 15, and it is understood that a review of those schedules is relevant to analysis and setting of the General Overhead Assessment.

V. SBS/SOM Merger Discussions

- UBC Secretary Tony Luppino reported that he had received a faculty inquiry about what appeared to be a recent decision to merge the School of Biological Sciences with and into the School of Medicine and asked about the status of such discussions.

- Chancellor Morton reported that planning groups from those two units were being established to (starting the week of May 19) explore the details of a such a merger as a summer project.