

University Budget Committee (UBC)
April 4, 2008

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Robert Snyder.

Mark Larson and Robert Snyder co-chairs – Mark Larson not in attendance today

In attendance voting members: Lumei Hui, Michael Thomas, Judith Little, Amy Moore, Colleen Muller, John Powell, Mary Kay, Saied Mortazavi and Carl Coffey

Staff to UBC: Carol Terry

After reviewing and discussing the President's and Vice Presidents' Proposal for 08/09 Budget Reductions, it was unanimously carried that the second paragraph, second sentence, on the second page be made more generic to include other types of cuts. The UBC recommends that the reduction should include processes that permit more efficient use of academic personnel and to maintain FTES at the current levels by the most efficient manner. Some other ideas for making cuts included cutting the summer program in half, reduction of academic programs or elimination of some, and no tenure track hires. While some of these cuts would not show an appreciable cut in the budget for this year it would make a difference in future years. The general consensus is that the budget reduction process needs to be something that can be used now and in the future, rather than using any method that fixes the immediate problem with no thought to the future.

The committee then revisited the recommendation of a facilitator vs. chair. The group decided it was in favor of a chair, being the Provost, and a co-chair. The discussion regarding who or what position should be the co-chair was tabled until the make up of the UBC committee was established. However, it was agreed that the chair would not vote except perhaps in a tie. Many agreed with the taskforce recommendations that the vice presidents should not be on the committee.

The discussion then turned to the recommendation for the membership of the UBC committee. It was also stated that no one had a problem with the role of the UBC now but that they would like to have a bigger say in the future including identifying measurable outcomes for funding proposals. Currently, the recommendation is for the UBC to be made up of three faculty, one academic senate finance representative, one academic affairs representative, 1 student affairs representative, 1 administrative affairs representative, 1 UA representative, one staff representative and one AS student representative. After a lengthy discussion regarding where the representatives came from and how they were elected or appointed it was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting. It was suggested to break the UBC committee composition discussion of the UBC committee into two segments; (1) the appropriate group representatives; and (2) how the representatives would be selected.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2008. The agenda will include discussions regarding the composition of the UBC membership and their selection process. The tabled item regarding the position of the vice-chair will also be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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