

University Senate Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
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In Attendance: Lisa Park Boush (co-chair); Michael Morrell (co-chair); Michael White, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Eleni Coundouriotis, Elena Dormidontova, Stephen Marchillo, Reka Wrynn,

Guest: Julie Schwager, Associate Vice President, Office of the Vice President for Research
Agenda

- I) Introductions
- II) Selection of Secretary (Lisa Boush agreed to take notes this time).
- III) New Items
 - A) We amended the agenda to allow the presentation by Julie Schwager, Associate VP from OVPR
 - i) Research Budget—14% of overall revenue for UConn and 8% for UConn Health
 - ii) IDCs how they are already incurred: We discussed the current IDC rates and their effects on the budget.
 - iii) IDCs are unrestricted
 - iv) Fiscal landscape of research: We discussed the structural deficit in the area of research and the spending where we use IDCs (OVPR's internal funding, animal care and CORE2, startups, research support, centers and institutes, match commitments, bridge funding , equipment, faculty shared services). We discussed that centers and institutes do not all have the same funding model. We discussed the current 10/10/10 distribution of IDCs, the cost shares with Federal and State governments, and how we negotiate IDC rates in various ways.
 - v) IDCs compared to AAU: We discussed what the averages are for expenditures and institutional (not F&A) support at AAU institutions and how this compares to UConn.
 - vi) Julie presented the 10-year history of research funding and suggested that the committee can provide information on best practices from peers and aspirants on what other institutions are doing that we are not and how to support big research groups.
 - vii) Some questions from the Committee: What impact will the fringe rate change have on supporting large research groups? Is our fringe rate is probably the lowest in the country for faculty, staff, and post docs at 30%? Could there be a faculty council for giving OVPR feedback on where to spend the IDC money? What about OpenAccess? Who will be paying for OpenAccess?
- IV) Approval of Minutes: approved unanimously
- V) Old Items
 - A) Budget FAQ update: We discussed changes to the FAQ proposed by Elena but need more time to complete this. Michael Morrell will present budget FAQ to Senate at meeting later today.
 - B) 10-year unit-by-unit update (Morrell): postponed