

University Budget Committee Meeting

April 1, 2024

Minutes

In Attendance: Michael Morrell (co-chair), Lisa Boush (co-chair), Jessica Chrabaszvycz, Eleni Coundouriotis, Elena Dormidontova, Sandy Grande, Mannat Kadian, Anne Langley (Secretary), Jeffrey McCutcheon, Michael White, David Weber, Reka Wrynn

I) **Approval of Minutes** – With a few corrections and additions, the minutes were approved.

II) **Announcements - None**

III) **Old Items - None**

IV) **New Items**

A) Discussion of CLAS Spending, the University Budget, the 5-Year Fiscal Plan, and the Committee's Response

- 1) Michael Morrell presented data on 5- and 10-year unrestricted spending in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). We discussed the numbers, the issue of how regional campus faculty do not code into their departments, and how helpful this data is in understanding the situation of CLAS under the 5-Year Fiscal Plan. We decided it would not be too helpful on that score.
- 2) The Committee end of the year report is due the week of April 15. Michael and Lisa will provide this to the Committee for comments and will meet with those who are available on April 15. Others can send in comments. We will then do final approval will be through a poll.
- 3) We discussed state statutes and the relationship of the collective bargaining raises. Since 2017, these contracts must go up for a vote in the legislature. Before it just needed Board of Trustees approval. We discussed the nature of collective bargaining for public employees in the state.
- 4) We discussed hiring and the number of graduate students, including that some units have continued hiring on 2-ledger positions if they currently have funds.
- 5) We briefly discussed the possibility of changing the university budget model, for example, doing hiring slower over time.
- 6) We discussed how confusing all of the budget information is.

Meeting adjourned