

University Budget Committee Meeting

February 3, 2025

Minutes

In Attendance: Lisa Park Boush (Co-Chair), Michael Morrell (Co-Chair), Timothy Folta (Secretary), Anne Langley, David Weber, Carrie Fernandes, Jessica Chrabaszcz, Reka Wrynn, Elena Dormidontova, Stephen Marchillo, Mannat Kadian, Bryan Huey, Sandy Grande, Eleni Coundouriotis, Michael White, Sydney Whittaker, Jeffrey McCutcheon

Guests: Julie Schwager and Lindsay DiStefano (OVPR)

Public:

Introductions

New Items

- A) without objection, we proceeded to a presentation by Julie Schwager and Lindsay DiStefano from the OVPR
 - 1) They alerted us to a website (<https://research.uconn.edu/communications-resources/>) created with the explicit intent of keeping community informed. We sent her a list of questions.
 - 2) We discussed how much active research UConn has. 1200 active grants, totaling \$938 Million in awards received. This includes where we are PI and subcontractors.
 - 3) We have heard from almost all our Federal sponsors, and they have informed us how they are interpreting what is coming out of White House.
 - 4) While there has been a lot of confusion, we are taking a wait and see approach, waiting for guidance before we change our course.
 - 5) The OVPR has already mapped out which grants are at risk, with most concerns surrounding NIH and the Department of Education
 - 6) Committee members then asked questions about effects on foreign graduate students, coordinating with other universities, the dollar amounts involved, task forces that are investigating the situations, changes to Indirect Costs (IDCs)
 - 7) Julie and Lindsay left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: without objections, minutes approved

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- B) Reka presented an update on the State Budget and UConn's request. The Governor will present his budget on Wednesday (February 5).

C) Committee members then asked questions about the Higher Education Financial Sustainability Advisory Board (HEFSAB), our budget reserves, and the balance between spending cuts and revenue increases.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29PM.