University Planning and Budget Council
Approved Minutes
Friday, February 20, 2015
Chancellor’s Conference Room
10:30 a.m.

Members Present:
Nasir Almasri
Erin Behnen
Rakesh Bharati
Julie Furst-Bowe (ex officio)
Kathleen Gardner
Gireesh Gupchup
Nancy Lutz
Stephen Marlette
Madeline McCune
Christian Slifer
Morris Taylor (Chair)
Michelle Welter
Bill Winter (ex officio)
Susan Yager

Members Absent:
Norris Manning

Guests:
Parviz Ansari
Denise Cobb
James Schram

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

II. Additions to the Agenda
There were no additions to the agenda.

III. Approval of February 13, 2015 meeting minutes
The February 13, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

IV. Announcements

a. Chancellor’s Announcements

i. The Governor presented his budget address on Wednesday. The proposed budget represents approximately a 34% reduction in SIUE’s state appropriation, including the elimination of the special appropriation for the School of Pharmacy. This is step three in the four-step state budget process. The House and Senate Appropriations Committee hearings will be held in the next few months. In recent years, the budget has generally been finalized in June or July.
ii. Four open forums will be held in the next few weeks (two at the Edwardsville campus, one at the School of Dental Medicine, and one at the East St. Louis Center). The budget will be discussed.

iii. Has invited President Dunn to give a budget update on campus.

b. Other Announcements

There were no other announcements.

V. New Business

a. Academic Affairs Update: One handout was distributed: “Academic Affairs: Impact of Previous Allocations & Overview of Future Priorities.” Provost Ansari described the impact of budget requests that were funded in FY15 with recurring and non-recurring funds and provided an overview of current short-term goals and initiatives within Academic Affairs.

b. Other New Business: The Council discussed suggestions for communicating budget information to the campus.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chancellor’s Conference Room