

University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

Friday, December 10, 2021

Chancellor's Conference Room

10:30 a.m.

Members Present

Charles Berger
Jan Caban
Duane Douglas
Doug James
Clinton Jones
Steve Kerber
Rasheda King
Mark Luer

Ed Navarre
Randy Pembroke (*ex officio*)
Ann Popkess (Chair)
Laurie Rice
Dan Segrist
Prince Wells
Bill Winter (*ex officio*)

Members Absent

David Balai
Kylie Jackson

Hailee O'Dell
J.T. Snipes

Guests

Mallory Sidarous

Paula Birke

- 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 October 15, 2021 meeting minutes
The October 15, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Announcements
 - a. Chancellor's Announcements
 - i. Thank you for your flexibility during COVID to keep the university moving forward to educate students.
 - ii. Dr. Minor is excited to begin the transition.
 - iii. Had a good conversation with Craig Holan regarding the new Health Science building. Possible ground breaking a year from now. Combination of new and renovated space. We are anticipating 18-24 months of construction.

- iv. School of Dental Medicine Dean Rotter finishes his time as Dean of SDM soon. Library and Information Services Dean Lis Pankl is leaving the University at the end of December.
- v. We are changing policies related to BIRT.
- vi. Commencement is a week from today and tomorrow. There will be 5 traditional ceremonies, a photographer ceremony, and a make-up from 2020.
- vii. Hope you have a great holiday season!
- viii. Last week's BOT meeting included approval for Chancellor Minor, the new School of Nursing Dean, and interim leadership for School of Dental Medicine.

b. Other Announcements

There were no other announcements.

V. New Business

- a. Housing Ad Hoc Working Group: Director of Housing and Chair of the Housing Ad Hoc Working Group, Mallory Sidarous, provided an update. The work group was charged by the Chancellor to identify strategies to achieve financial stability for SIUE housing over the next 10 years. Goals are to achieve positive cash balance and develop reserves to prepare for a long-term housing plan for 2029 and beyond. The current challenges of lower occupancy rates, escalating debt service and years without housing fee increases can no longer be met with continued cuts and limited growth opportunities. Comparative analysis of the students in residence on campus indicates freshman students have higher GPAs, earn on average 1 additional credit per semester and have higher 1st and 2nd year persistence rates than their peers living off campus. SIUE currently has a residency requirement policy, but that policy has never been implemented since it was approved in 2012. Ms. Sidarous, on behalf of the Work Group, presented recommendations for a proposed rate increase of 4.5% in Cougar Village, Evergreen Hall and first year halls shared bedrooms space; and a 6.5% increase in deluxe private bedrooms and deluxe private suites in first year halls. In addition, the work group recommends enforcing an on-campus housing requirement for new freshman.

UPBC voted unanimously to support these recommendations to optimize housing occupancy with enforcement of an on-campus housing requirement for new freshman, along with the proposed fee increases.

- b. Operating Policy Change, Remote Meeting attendance: Ann led a discussion on the Open Meetings Act and revisions to our operating papers to reflect remote attendance. There must be a quorum of attendees meeting in person. This discussion will continue in January.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. CHAPA Policy Revisions and Timeline: The CHAPA group met once this semester, and will meet again this afternoon. There are questions regarding the CHAPA midpoint policy. Take a look at the purpose statement and send Ann your thoughts if things need expanded.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD