

University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library

2:30 pm

Members Present

Keith Becherer
Charles Berger
Heidy Cuervo
Anne DeToye (ex officio)
Candace Hall
Kelly Jo Hendricks

Rex Jackson
Kevin Leonard
Jonathan Pettibone (Chair)
Laurie Rice
Michael Shaw
Ian Toberman

Members Absent

Barrett Larkin
James Minor (ex officio)
Mary Anne Pettit

Jeffrey Sabby
Kevin Tucker

Guests

Tom Foster

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm
- II. Additions to the Agenda
The agenda was amended to add announcements.
- III. Discussion and Approval of February 20, 2025 Minutes
The February 20, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Announcements
 - a. HLC Visit will be on March 31 and April 1. Please be on campus as needed. There will be a focus group where members of UPBC are invited. It is scheduled for **Monday, March 31 at 2:00 pm in the MUC Mississippi/Illinois Room.**
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Dr. Tom Foster, Professor in the Physics Department, spoke to UPBC. Dr. Foster acknowledged the importance of UPBC and noted that he served on it in the

past. He would like those on UPBC to consider that outside this room and in the country, higher education is under attack. Dr. Foster would like UPBC to consider a more positive future for SIUE that is pro-science and innovation and does not cater to the lowest common denominator. Dr. Foster urges UPBC to tell the administration to stop this proposal and restart one that incorporates actual shared governance with the affected departments. SIUE should not operate from top-down leadership.

VI. Old Business

- a. Budget Reporting Workgroup/Wesley Peachtree Report: The Wesley Peachtree Report executive summary was brought up by some UPBC members again, asking when it can be shared to their constituents—especially as some of these recommendations are being put into implementation. At this point, there still hasn't been approval from the Chancellor to make the executive summary available for distribution.

VII. New Business

- a. UPBC Constituency Representation & Operating Paper revisions: Jon Pettibone led a discussion about UPBC Voting Membership. The current voting membership, based off the March 2021 operating papers, leaves us with 21 voting members. If we continue voting membership breakdown pattern for Fall 2025, we will be up to 26 voting members. As we add more infinity groups, the problems will increase: difficulty filling so many positions; attendance with so many schedules to accommodate; quorum is difficult to achieve; overlap in representation across multiple groups; future growth due to additional groups; balance of faculty/staff due to groups that involve both. Dr. Pettibone offered a proposed solution which would take the voting members down to 18. UPBC members offered suggestions.
- b. Program Prioritization Proposal: Department of Physics: Before UPBC members began discussing the proposal at length, they talked about whether they should close the meeting to the public.

VIII. Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public (Executive Session)

- a. Discussion of Program Prioritization Proposal in Executive Session (Section 2c of Illinois Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters pertaining to the employment of specific employees) – Keith Becherer made a motion to enter Executive Session. UPBC approved this motion unanimously.

IX. Motion to Return to Open Session

- a. As there was no additional business for open session, the meeting was adjourned.

X. Future Meetings

- a. Wednesday, April 2, 10:00 am, Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library
(SPECIAL MEETING)
- b. Thursday, April 24, 2:30 pm, Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm

Next Meeting: ***Wednesday, April 2, 10:00 am, Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library***

Submitted by Michael Tadlock Jackson, Office of the Provost