

## **University Planning and Budget Council**

Approved Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library

2:30 pm

### **Members Present**

Keith Becherer  
Anne DeTroye/Nick Paskus  
Candace Hall  
Kelly Jo Hendricks  
Rex Jackson  
Kevin Leonard  
Kimberly McClellan  
Jonathan Pettibone (Chair)

Mary Anne Pettit  
Laurie Rice  
Jeffrey Sabby  
Michael Shaw  
Ian Toberman  
Kevin Tucker  
Jim Wulfsong

### **Members Absent**

Charles Berger  
Barrett Larkin

James Minor (ex officio)

### **Guests**

Kim Archer  
Olga Bezhanova  
Joe Feigl

Eric Lichtenberger  
Marc Schapman

- I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm
- II. Additions to the Agenda  
The agenda was amended to add announcements.
- III. Discussion and Approval of Minutes  
The March 20, 2025 and April 2, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written. The April 14, 2025 meeting minutes were slightly amended to reflect that the Department of Art & Design, as well as the Bachelor of Arts in Art History, are both accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art & Design (NASAD).
- IV. Announcements  
There were no announcements.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Old Business

- a. UPBC Constituency Representation & Operating Paper Revision (Second Reading & Vote) – Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled.
- b. Review of Statement on Prioritization Proposal: Specialization in Art History – Members discussed UPBC’s statement on the abovementioned Program Prioritization Proposal. The Council recommends eliminating the Art History specialization and one faculty position due to low enrollment and potential savings. However, the Council recommends retaining the Art History minor, contingent upon collaboration between the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Art History and Design to align the program with NASAD standards by December 31.

VII. New Business

- a. Briefing on REFRECTR Data – Joe Feigl, Senior Researcher, and Dr. Eric Lichtenberger, Director from the Department of Institutional Research, provided an overview of the Revenue, Expense, Faculty Activity, and Course load Trends Report (REFRACT-R). Each UPBC member currently has read access. Each unit is broken out by school and department; this information is broken down by state-funded revenue accounts specifically.
- b. Program Prioritization Proposal: Department of Foreign Languages & Literature – Dr. Olga Bezhanova, Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages & Literature, spoke regarding the abovementioned Program Prioritization Proposal. Dr. Bezhanova finds merit in the proposal; however, it doesn’t go into proper detail regarding salary data for the merged Department of English & Foreign Languages & Literature. Additionally, Dr. Bezhanova noted that Illinois Governor Pritzker is requiring students in Illinois to take two years of foreign language—so to limit the number of offerings at SIUE to only Spanish can be detrimental.
- c. Program Prioritization Proposal: Specialization in Music Theory & Musical Theater – Dr. Marc Shapman, Chair of the Department of Music, and Dr. Kim Archer, Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Music, spoke regarding the abovementioned Program Prioritization Proposal. The Department of Music opposes the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Music Degree with Specialization in Music Theory and Composition and Musical Theater. The department argues that the proposal disregards ongoing curriculum reform, misrepresents the department and specialization, and underestimates the financial impact. The department emphasizes the importance of the teacher-scholar model and the value of composition instruction for student experience and community relations.

VIII. Future Meetings

- a. Monday, April 28, 2025, 10 am – 12 pm, Peck Hall, Room 3302 (Special Meeting)
- b. Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 10 am – 12 pm, Peck Hall, Room 3302 (Special Meeting)

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm

Next Meeting: ***Monday, April 28, 10 am, Peck Hall, Room 3302***

Submitted by Michael Tadlock Jackson, Office of the Provost