

University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

Friday, September 5, 2025

Peck Hall, Room 3302

10:00 am

Members Present

Marcus Agustin

Keith Becherer

Anne DeToye (ex officio)

Candace Hall

Yvonne Hart

Jennifer Hookstra

Rex Jackson

Doug James

Kevin Leonard

Kimberly McClellan

Jackson Morgan

Jenna Nestor

Jonathan Pettibone (Chair)

Jeffrey Sabby

Kevin Tucker

Jim Wulfsong

Members Absent

Charles Berger

Kelly Jo Hendricks

James Minor (ex officio)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

II. Guests

- a. Dr. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs – Provost Denise Cobb was unable to attend today's meeting due to a family emergency. In her absence, Dr. Tom Jordan from her office provided UPBC with several updates that will be addressed later in the meeting.

III. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from our April 28 and May 6 special meetings were approved as written. The minutes from our April 24 regular meeting was amended to reflect that Kimberly McCellan was in attendance. With this change, the amended April 24 minutes were approved.

V. Announcements

- a. Welcome and Introductions – Since this is the first meeting of the Academic Year, each person introduced themselves and identified which constituency they are representing.
- b. University Budget Update, Sept. 4, 12:00 pm, Legacy Room, MUC – Jon Pettibone and Anne DeToye gave an overview of yesterday's University Budget Update. The presentation was recorded to accommodate those unable to attend in person; the Chancellor's Office will hopefully make the recording available soon. The presentation highlighted positive enrollment growth and SIUE's improving financial situation. At the close of FY25, the \$10.3 million deficit between revenue and expenses was drastically reduced to \$400,000.

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on Program Prioritization – Jon Pettibone read an update from Provost Cobb on Program Prioritization. Three programs have agreed with Unions and faculty: Chemistry, Art History, and Physics. Two Phase I programs are still being discussed: Music and Foreign Languages & Literature. The administration and two faculty Unions have entered into an MOU outlining a Phase II progress. The University will distribute a memo raising questions or concerns about programs and curriculum. Departments have until **February 1, 2026**, to review and develop a detailed plan to address these concerns. Departmental plans will be reviewed and recommendations made to the Provost by **April 15, 2026**.
- b. Update on HLC Reaccreditation – Jon Pettibone placed the HLC Final Report on the UPBC Teams page for review by members. We received a positive accreditation status with no monitoring or sanctions. Thanks to everyone who contributed to either Team or Open Forum meetings. The honest and constructive feedback impressed the external HLC committee, showing that the campus cares about the institution's well-being and our efforts on behalf of students.

VII. New Business

- a. SIUE Energy Consumption Strategic Planning – The Chancellor's initiative in reducing energy costs by 15% was discussed. The Strategic Plan emphasizing collaboration with Facilities Management and exploring solutions like LED lighting and updated infrastructure. The Student Fitness Center implemented energy-saving measures, saving significant costs. The university is considering investing in modernizing eco-friendly buildings.
- b. UPBC Strategic Planning – Jon Pettibone discussed a draft proposal developed with the Provost's Office. The UBPC Strategic Plan aims to improve strategic planning participation and dissemination at SIUE. It proposes combining the UPBC and UQC committees into a single committee chaired by administration

and faculty, aligning with budget processes and reducing service requirements. The committee will have 15-20 members, including faculty, staff, and administrators. UPBC members shared concerns about shared governance between Staff Senate, Student Government, and Faculty Senate. The future of CHAPA was also discussed, as staff lacks a way to provide feedback to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors without it.

VIII. Future Meetings

- a. Friday, October 5, 9:30 am to 11:00 am, Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library
- b. Friday, November 7, 9:30 am – 11:00 am, Room TBD

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

Next Meeting: ***Friday, October 5 at 9:30 am in the Third Floor Conference Room, Lovejoy Library***

Submitted by Michael Tadlock Jackson, Office of the Provost