

## University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

Friday, October 3, 2025

Lovejoy Library, Third Floor Conference Room

9:30 am

### Members Present

Keith Becherer  
Candace Hall  
Yvonne Hart  
Kelly Jo Hendricks  
Caryn Hill  
Jennifer Hookstra

Kimberly McClellan  
Jackson Morgan  
Jenna Nestor  
Jonathan Pettibone (Chair)  
Melissa Thomeczek  
Jim Wulfsong

### Members Absent

Marcus Agustin  
Anne DeToye (ex officio)  
Rex Jackson  
Doug James

Kevin Leonard  
James Minor (ex officio)  
Jeffrey Sabby  
Kevin Tucker

### Guests

Denise Cobb

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

#### II. Guests

- a. Dr. Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, spoke to UPBC. Regarding Program Prioritization Phase I, the administration has reached agreements with faculty associations between Chemistry, Art History, and Physics, while continuing discussions with Music and Foreign Languages & Literature. Phase II aims to address challenges and explore alternative paths for program adjustments, focusing on collaboration. The university seeks proposals for program repositioning to address declining enrollment and ensure sustainability. Proposals must be submitted by **February 26, 2026**, with a review process involving UPBC, Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, and Student Government. Implementation of new programs is tight, with a goal of decisions by **April 15, 2026**, and potential fall implementation. Dr. Cobb also highlighted the White Coat Ceremony as a special event for the SIUE community.

III. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

IV. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 5, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

V. Announcements

- a. Agenda for November 7 – Chair Pettibone discussed next month’s UPBC meeting. He intends on inviting new VCFA, Joe Lataille, to talk about the SPA process as it relates to staff.
- b. Special Meeting – In order to give more time to discuss the proposed UPBC Strategic Plan, Chair Pettibone suggests a UPBC Special Meeting before the November 7 meeting. After a show of hands, **Wednesday, October 29 at 12 pm – 1 pm** was determined to be an acceptable time.

VI. Old Business

- a. Update on Program Prioritization – See above minutes for Item II., Section a.
- b. SIUE Energy Consumption Strategic Planning – Due to time constraints, this was not given time for discussion/consideration.
- c. UPBC Strategic Planning – Chair Pettibone began a short conversation regarding this item, before encouraging members to gather their thoughts and bring them to the Special Meeting on October 29.

VII. New Business

There was no new business

VIII. Future Meetings

- a. Wednesday, October 29, 12 pm – 1 pm, Location TBD (Special Meeting)
- b. Friday, November 7, 9:30 am – 11 am, Peck Hall, 0306

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Next Meeting: ***Wednesday, October 29, 12:00 pm, Location TBD (Special Meeting)***

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, Office of the Provost