

University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024

MUC Legacy Room

2:30 pm

Members Present

Keith Becherer

Heidy Cuervo

Anne DeToye (*ex officio*)

Candace Hall

Kelly Jo Hendricks

Rex Jackson

Timothy Lewis

James Minor (*ex officio*)

Jonathan Pettibone (Chair)

Mary Anne Pettit

Laurie Rice

Michael Shaw

Kevin Tucker

Ian Toberman

Members Absent

Charles Berger

Kevin Leonard

Jeffrey Sabby

Barrett Larkin

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.
- II. Additions to the Agenda
Discussion of the Role of UPBC and how it fits into the University.
- III. Discussion and Approval of August 29th and September 4th meeting minutes
The August 29 and September 4, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting, November 21st
 - b. Spring Meetings
Discussion of potentially returning meetings to the traditional time of Friday morning. However, due to conflicts, it was decided to keep meetings scheduled for Thursday afternoons. The dates for the spring meetings will be announced at a later time.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Budget Reporting Workgroup/Wesley Peachtree Report
Anne DeToye updated the committee on the Wesley Peachtree report results. The Budget Reporting Workgroup consists of Rich Hampton, Anne DeToye, Jon Pettibone, Katie Eilers, Paula Garcia, Dan McIvers, Jenell Wright, Patty Kloostra, and James Schram. The Workgroup identified 15-20 items that were budget

related, and these items were assigned to three budget subcommittees, Central Budget Office, Technical Data Analytics, and Budget Transfers/Salary Sweeps. These subcommittees are starting to make recommendations the end of Fall 2024. The recommendations are presented to Chancellor Minor, and he will make the final decision.

VI. New Business

a. Review of the Sept. 25th University Budget Update

Chancellor Minor discussed questions submitted to him from UPBC regarding the September 25, 2024, University Budget Update presentation. Chancellor Minor reiterated that the University is not in a budget crisis but is making adjustments according to the financial reality. He provided updated information regarding how the \$10m structural deficit figure was determined.

The University's cash position is fairly strong; however, operational inefficiencies need to be addressed. Questions were posed regarding how these inefficiencies can be addressed while still following Civil Service laws and allowing discussion of departmental restructuring. Chancellor Minor stated that the University must resist the idea that nothing can be done to improve inefficiencies, and that these topics must be a regular part of the budget conversation during good and bad times.

Finally, UPBC members questioned whether the Wesley Peachtree budget report can be shared with constituencies. Chancellor Minor requested that the information not be shared beyond UPBC as managing financial information must be balanced with transparency.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09p.m.

Next Meeting: ***Thursday, November 21 at 2:30p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 2405***

Submitted by Christy Bosco, Office of General Counsel