

University Planning and Budget Council

Approved Minutes

Friday, February 20, 2026

Peck Hall, Room 3404

9:30 am

Members Present

Marcus Agustin

Keith Becherer

Anne DeToye (ex officio)

Candace Hall

Yvonne Hart

Jennifer Hookstra

Rex Jackson

Kimberly McClellan

Jonathan Pettibone (Chair)

Kevin Tucker

Jim Wulfsong

Kim Zappey-Gilmore

Members Absent

Kelly Jo Hendricks

Doug James

Kevin Leonard

James Minor (ex officio)

Jackson Morgan

Jenna Nestor

Jeffrey Sabby

Melissa Thomeczek

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Discussion and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 7, 2025 regular meeting and the December 8, 2025 special meeting were approved as written.

III. Announcements

- a. Program Prioritization Phase II – Program Prioritization Phase II review will begin shortly, with a small committee reviewing 10 proposals by April 15. The review process aims to improve the existing program and potentially expand it, with departments possibly moved to Phase I if unresponsive.
- b. REFACT-R update on March 6 – The new REFRAC-T-R data will be discussed in the March 6 meeting, and access will be limited until then.
- c. Chancellor’s visit to UPBC on April 3 – The Chancellor will join us for our April 3 meeting.

IV. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

V. Old Business

- a. Revisions to the UPBC operating papers/Merger with UQC – Revisions are ongoing despite Dr. Elza Ibroscheva’s leave; she will return in early March. A meeting with Dr. Jessica Harris and the Provost focused on establishing clear processes for the new Council.

VI. New Business

- a. Governor’s FY27 Budget Proposal and Impact to SIUE – Anne DeToye presented on the Governor’s budget address. The Governor’s budget address included a 1% increase in education funding, with \$1.4 billion allocated for deferred maintenance across state institutions, including \$300 million for higher education. SIUE will receive a 1% increase in funding, amounting to approximately \$2.3 million. The budget proposal is subject to review and approval by the General Assembly, and the governor has the authority to withhold a percentage of the budget.

VII. Future Meetings

- a. Friday, March 6, 9:30 am – 11:00 am, Lovejoy Library Third Floor Conference Room
- b. Friday, April 3, 9:30 am – 11:00 am, Lovejoy Library Third Floor Conference Room

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Next Meeting: ***Friday, March 6, 9:30 am – 11:00 am, Lovejoy Library Third Floor Conference Room***

Submitted by Michael Tadlock-Jackson, Office of the Provost