

UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES -- APRIL 10, 2014, 12:30 P.M. -- LIB-352

PRESENT: Edmundo Garcia (presiding), Beverly Meyer (recording), Joe Slonek, Judith Birgen, Lawrence A. Pinkelton, Sandi Ballantyne, Shelia Collins, Barbara Price

PRESENT VIA PROXY: Latrice Eggleston, Arrie Patawaran

ABSENT: Tanya Lloyd, Jamilah Jor'Dan, Enrique Duncan, Bobbie Stewart, Telisa Randle, Rhonda Veronica Williams, Robin M. Hawkins, Rohan Attele

1. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. and distributed a packet of handouts for the meeting; the packet included an agenda, the minutes for the meeting of February 25, 2014, a current membership list for the UBC, and a packet of information from the Budget Office containing the CSU FY2015 operating and capital budget appropriation request summaries, a sheet explaining various CSU budget scenarios depending on whether or not the state renews the payroll tax, and extensive information from the Governor's Office and the IBHE about their budget recommendations for FY 2015 (and in particular, about their budget recommendations for Chicago State University).
2. Review of the February 25, 2014 meeting minutes: Collins moved, Pinkelton seconded, to approve the minutes as written. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.
3. Report and discussion of the Governor's Budget: In response to questions, Pinkelton said that the capital allocation request for the Westside Campus included provisions for stage 2 (land acquisition and funds to build, but no operating dollars). The goal is to open this campus in fall of 2015. The Child Care Center project is moving along well and has some legislative support for funding. Pinkelton also explained that CSU is preparing for various scenarios in the operating appropriations based on whether or not the state extends the payroll tax. Higher education would take a big hit if the tax is not extended. Reallocation is going to be crucial to management and only top priorities will be able to be advanced. There was a more positive tone, however, in the discussions in Springfield about capital budgets and deferred maintenance. CSU has about \$48,000,000 in unmet needs in this area and hasn't received anything in years except for \$6,500,000 recently for electrical switchgear (an emergency project that will start this summer). Garcia added that there is nothing definite to report yet about the UBC 2015 recommendations.
4. Bylaws approval status: No word yet, but we should hear something soon.
5. UBC web page status: Will be up very soon and Bylaws and minutes will be posted.
6. UBC membership and officers for next year: Garcia will review the attendance of all current members and the length of time they have served in their positions. He'll send an e-mail asking for volunteers for the three positions of chair, vice-chair, and secretary. Meyer announced that she is retiring from the university in June, so this will be her last year on the committee. She has enjoyed serving on the committee.

7. Dr. Garcia, on behalf of the University Budget Committee, recognized and prized the valuable participation and contributions of Professor Meyer to the committee for the last few years.

8. Garcia announced that the next UBC meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in LIB-352 and adjourned the meeting around 1:30 p.m.