

## University Budget Committee

May 26, 2017  
8-10 AM  
ITC 205

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call-to-order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

Present: Cheryl Beaver, Debbie Braun, Eric Bruce, Louann Casares, Dan Clark, Tina Fuchs, Rex Fuller, Malissa Larson, Randi Lydum, Leo Mejia Aguilar, Reina Morgan (Assistant), Natasha Roman, Katherine Schmidt, Laura Tierney, Judy Vanderburg, Eric Yahnke (Chair)

#### 2. Update from President Fuller

Rex shared updates on the events at the capitol and the status of the budget proposals. The cabinet will be meeting twice next week to discuss the proposals as well as the money saving ideas that have been submitted. The UBC will be responsible for writing a memo with a recommendation that will be shared with the governance groups and board of trustees. The goal will be to find things that do not affect student access or success. The committee will have June 2nd and 9th to deliberate.

Our tuition increase was approved by the HECC and the ways and means committee put an additional \$20 million for higher education in their version of the budget. With a 10% tuition increase we are still about \$1 million short of what we need to continue with the current level of operations.

We will start next year without salary cuts or furloughs and will use the fund balance to buy us time. It won't be until January of 2018 that we will see those things happen, and it will only be if we have to. If there are any cuts or furloughs it will be announced in the fall, in advance of when it would go into effect. Salaries will be broken into three categories: under 50k, 50-80k, and above 80k. If cuts happen there will be higher for higher salary positions and people making under 50k will not see cuts. Additionally, a travel freeze is another possible way to save money. Cutting out of state travel could save us about \$400 thousand a year. We are doing our best to get to a point

where the deficit is so small that we don't have to do any of these things.

If we are able to enroll more students, or retain more, it will greatly help our budget. Last year retention went up 5% and this year we had more transfers attend TSOAR than ever before so we need to continue those trends. A suggestion was made that we need to have a bigger presence at the community colleges, particularly Chemeketa.

The committee may meet the Friday after commencement if they need more time.

### 3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.

The next meeting will be June 2nd at 8 am in ITC 205. This meeting will be recorded on WebEx and the recording will be made available to committee members.