

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Members Present: N. Bengiamin, J. Constable, W. Fasse, A. Parham,
T. Wielicki, L. Stillmaker (student).

Members Absent: J. Kus (excused) J. Parks (excused),
P. Trueblood (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pro Tem J. Constable at 3:19 p.m. in the University Center # 203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2008.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

None.
4. New Business.

None.
5. Budget Planning Exercise – Spring 2008.

W. Fasse called attention to a memo from J. Echeverria with attached budget plans from the Deans that had been distributed to the members of the University Budget Committee. It was noted that these submitted budgetary plans were under consideration by the Provost as a mechanism to meet the projected budget shortfall of \$2.55 M. The presented budget plans were constructed according to a series of specific questions posed by the Provost in meeting each College's anticipated budget reduction. The proposed plans were constructed in a consultative manner with the faculty. Further discussion ensued regarding the plans submitted by the various Deans regarding the specific budgetary cuts proposed. It was noted that few proposed actions directly addressed teaching efficiency, a key component in the new budget model, and that many actions addressed short-term temporary reductions in administrative costs and/or spend-down of carry forward funds. The need for Colleges to address long-term mechanisms to address the budgetary shortfall was emphasized by several members of the committee, as was sustainability of the proposed cuts and effective linking of budget issues to the strategic plans of the individual College. These discussions prompted the need

to respond to the Provost regarding the proposed budget plans and to identify factors of concern to the University Budget Committee in meeting the budgetary shortfall.

6. Possible Revisions to the New Budget Model.

Tabled for future discussion.

MSC to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the University Budget Committee will be Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 3:15 p.m. in the University Center # 203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2008.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. New Business.
5. Draft Memo to Provost Regarding Spring 08 Budget Planning Exercise
6. Possible Revisions to the New Budget Model.