University Budget Commission Meeting  
Thursday, February 19, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Ullsvik 104

☒ Christopher Baxter (BILSA 2017) Secretary  
☒ Les Hollingsworth (BILSA 2015) Chair  
☒ Kara Candito (LAE 2015) Proxy Amanda Tucker  
☒ Abulkhair Masoom (EMS 2016)  
☒ Dawn Drake (Academic Staff Rep)

☒ John-Leonard Berg (KLIB 2014)  
☒ Chanaka Mendis (EMS 2017) Vice Chair  
☒ Ray Spoto (LAE 2016)  
☐ Vacant (Student Senate)

☐ Rob Cramer  
☒ Cathy Riedl Farrey  
☒ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)  
☒ Dominic Barraclough (Provost Rep)

Quorum-Minimum of four voting members required for action on business items

GUESTS: Mittie Nimocks Den Herder, Chuck Cornett, Mark Evenson, Molly Hoeper, Kia Hendrickson, Irfan Ul-Haq, Donita Cartmill,

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2015 and February 16, 2015

Drake moved to approve the minutes of February 16, seconded by Berg. Minutes approved.

Berg Moved to approve the minutes of February 11, seconded by Mendis. Minutes approved.

III. Announcements and Reports

Drake made the request to get more information on foundation accounts.

IV. Academic Planning Committee Report

V. Unfinished Business

1. Budget discussion 5M shortfall

Since UABC had to have a recommendation to the Faculty Senate March 19 the commissioners discussed how they should handle future budget feedback received after March 19. The following consensus was to:

○ Review feedback at the next meeting, forward any recommendations to the Chancellor, and if the Chancellor wants to review any of the recommendations, it would come back through governance before the final decision.

○ If commissioners receive additional feedback either, forward to budget feedback email or have the staff member email budgetfeedback@uwplatt.edu.

Commissioners shared feedback received by constituents.

Tucker shared a resolution adopted from the LAE Diversity Committee:

○ “Whereas MCIC supports the strategic priorities and mission of the university in regards to diversity and inclusive excellence, we move that the MCIC should have the opportunity to review its own budget and look for potential funding streams and savings before any final decision is made to suspend the conference”

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the commissioners was to maintain the original recommendation of a moratorium for MCIC.
Chair Hollingsworth shared a resolution adopted from Graduate Council in regards to elimination of the Graduate Studies Director. See attached PDF. Commissioners were in agreement with this resolution.

Commissioners had substantial discussion regarding General Education programs and the proposal from Writing And Tutoring Resources (WATR), listed on the investment expense spreadsheet created by the Budget Office. Of particular concern was if UABC’s role, should they be granting programs additional funding and during a budget crisis should they be granting programs additional funding. Discussion also ensued about other items such as real estate foundation could this help support the universities revenue.

**MOTION:** Masoom moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by spoto. Motion carried.

Provost Nimocks Den Herder and Faculty Senate Chair expressed their thanks, appreciation, and gratitude for the work that UABC has done.

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Next Meeting Date Thursday, March 12, 2015**

February 26 meeting has been cancelled.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Chair Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.