

**University Budget Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, February 23, 2024**  
**B011 Kerr Admin. Bldg. and Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Nicole von Germeten, Noe Alvarez, Jon Boeckenstedt, Shaun Bromagem, Bob Cowen, Thomas DeLuca, Jessica Dupont, Thomas Gonzales, John Gremmels, Steve Hoelscher, Terri Libert, Jeff Luck, Marc Norcross, Tania Davis

**Committee Members Absent:** Carissa O'Donnell, Joe Page, Matteo Paola, Tim Carroll,

**University Staff Present:** Nicole Dolan, Kayla Campbell, Mealoha McFadden

1. SRBM Calibration/Levers/Assessment Update
  - a. Credit hour delivery pool
    - i. Allocated by \$ per UG credit hour
    - ii. Grad SCH rate 2x the credit hour
    - iii. Service teaching bonus is for all campuses except DZ and Cascades
  - b. For Ecampus courses taught to truly distance students also receive a bonus
  - c. Effective tax rate at 55% needs to stay at that rate so can predict budgets
  - d. Differential tuition 90% goes to college, 10% is held back and is not subject to 55% tax
  - e. Updating SRBM for FY25 so can distribute but waiting for revenue projections which are due on March 1.
  - f. Degree completions pool
    - i. Different weights based on degree level; Minors and certificates are worth 1/5 of a degree
    - ii. Strategic populations pool (international, pell grant, student of color) bonus is stackable.
      1. Concept that international student of color has more weight than an underrepresented student of color from US.
      2. Follow up: What is international coding for international DSC students?
2. Budget Process Update
  - a. Brent shared a draft of a new budget planning process that would meet Prosperity Widely Shared strategic plan.

- b. How realistic is this timeline? Envisioning about a month worth of time for units to pull together info for submittal. Looking to finalize FY budgets earlier in the year. Specificity is that it's a process that we'll learn as we go.
    - i. Tim Carroll – it's very tight for the unit since they don't know what they are working with, then once more numbers are available, the unit is midstream instead of kicking it off. Feels quick on unit side.
    - ii. Nicci – change in SRBM process will pull last 8 terms before the February deadline. Plan is that budget info will get to colleges earlier. SRBM IAC decided to do 8 term window instead of a 2 fiscal year window.
- 3. Tuition Recommendation to the President Review/Discussion
  - a. 4 tuition scenarios shared for weighted increases between 4.98-8.05% which includes tuition, mandatory fees and building fees.
  - b. Scenario 1, building fee increase would be phased in over 3 years; Scenarios 2-4 would include full building fee increase.
  - c. For scenario 1, is 4.98% definite and will HECC calculate it under 5%? HECC does calculate it slightly different but their calculation is typically lower than our calculation.
  - d. Not included is rolling course fees into tuition in FY25. Need to socialize this communication into the colleges first.
  - e. Jessica – Graduate increase for Ecampus; base tuition isn't a concern but engineering and business tuition are already high in the marketplace with those differentials. Can Ecampus engage with those colleges to discuss those increases?
  - f. Terri – Why wouldn't we go with scenario 2? HECC negotiates lower than what we request. Also, unknowns around salary negotiations.
  - g. Discussed macro element assumptions
    - i. Enrollment growth – based on prosperity widely shared
    - ii. Fix it funding for athletics – around \$5M
    - iii. Approximate salary increases 4-5% increases based on 7.5% CSL
    - iv. Approximate state appropriations – Known for FY25 since biennium budget already set
    - v. PWS widely shared investment into Ecampus
  - h. HECC proposals
    - i. Haven't been any tuition increase proposals by other universities since 2019.
    - ii. If multiple universities, HECC generally looks at them individually due to different sets of circumstances.
  - i. Transparency with students is legislatively mandated.
    - i. UO guaranteed tuition process has made their tuition advisory committee obsolete. When they switched to that guaranteed rate, there was a large increase.
    - ii. OSU is extremely transparent and allows for student input during forum rather than just sharing the tuition increase info.