

University Budget Committee
November 2, 2018

Attending: Bloomer, Ibarra, Hurst, Lesser, Cowen, Thurston, Buckley, Thorsness, Azarenko, Sparks, Carsh, Phillips

Absences: Nieto, Edge, Batten, Graham, Barrios, Palmer

Decisions:

- The UBC will constitute a committee of the whole to serve as the Tuition Advisory Council
- Noah Buckley, Jackie Thorsness, Dan Edge volunteered to work on the Graduate School student support workgroup (Dan was suggested and has the option to opt out!).
- Bob Cowen, Anita Azarenko, Drew Ibarra and Sherm Bloomer volunteered to work on the cost accounting workgroup.

Discussion: The group reviewed the charge from the Provost and discussed the nature of the issues and the timelines. Members of the committee discussed the structure of the tuition committee and volunteered for workgroups on central financial aid from the Graduate School and on approaches for assessing the cost of instruction. Sherm Bloomer reviewed some of the background materials on the budget and cost projections for next year and answered questions from the committee.

Next steps:

- Sherm Bloomer will contact the Graduate School about participants for the graduate support workgroup and work on a preliminary charge with the Interim Dean of the Graduate School.
- Sherm will contact the Deans to see if they have a faculty member or two with interests and expertise in the cost accounting discussion.
- The Budget Office will prepare preliminary cost projections for FY20 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020) as well as a summary of current tuition rates. There are also some background materials required by HB 4141 that the Budget Office will provide for review.