

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
STRATEGIC BUDGETING AND PLANNING
September 22, 2016

PRESENT: Mateo Carrasco, Thomas Fox (substitute for Carolyn Copenheaver), Tim Hodge, Steve Kleiber, Omchand Mahdu, Herve Marand, Susan Marmagas, Andi Ogier, Alex Parrish, Dwight Shelton, Ken Smith, Benjamin Tracy, and Linbing Wang

ABSENT: Brett Besag, Henri de Hahn, Quinton Nottingham, Thanassis Rikakis, Hans Robinson, Jason Soileau, and John Tedesco.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Dwight Shelton, Vice President for Finance and CFO, called the meeting to order. Mr. Shelton introduced himself then asked members to introduce themselves, as it was the first meeting of the 2016-17 fiscal year.

2. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 28, 2016 MINUTES

Mr. Shelton stated that the April 28, 2016 minutes have been approved and forwarded to the University Council for posting on the web.

3. OVERVIEW AND GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Shelton gave an overview of the Council's purpose and noted examples of how input from Council members has been used in the past. He encouraged current members to give him feedback and asked them to share any topics they would like to discuss during the upcoming year. Mr. Shelton explained that the committee has taken on several roles since its inception in the 1990's, including working through several rounds of budget reductions, and advising on issues of strategic and financial importance to the university.

4. EXTERNAL OPERATING BUDGET TIMELINE

Mr. Tim Hodge, Assistant Vice President for Budget and Financial Planning, provided an overview of the state budget process and timeline, and explained that the committee would be updated at future meetings as the state budget process unfolded. Mr. Hodge noted that a couple of issues to watch in the coming months that may have an impact on the state budget will be the state revenue forecasts. A handout of the external budget timeline is attached to these minutes.

5. UPDATE ON STATE REVENUES

Mr. Hodge updated the council on the States revenues and how they have impacted the salary programs. He reminded the council that State ended fiscal year 2015-16 with a revenue shortfall. In response to this shortfall, the Governor discontinued the 3% compensation program for the current fiscal year and convened a committee to reforecast the State's revenues. Since the State generally funds a portion of the program, Virginia Tech was positioned to offer a 2% Faculty Merit program and a 2% Staff Merit program (University staff) to its employees.

6. TOPICS COUNCIL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING

Mr. Shelton asked the Council members for recommendations of topics they would like to see the Council discuss over the coming months. Several topics were shared, including an update on the new PIBB model, how destination areas will work, and the investment into the health sciences. The Council was encouraged to send any additional topics to Mr. Hodge.

7. No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

External Operating Budget Timeline

2016-2018 Biennium

