

Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Sustainability

Minutes

Meeting Date: December 1, 2023

Members in Attendance: Dr. Andrew Wegmann, Mr. Larry Wakefield, Mr. David Gladden, Ms. Emily Jones, Dr. Heather Miller, Dr. Chris Jurgenson, Dr. Edwin Craft via Teams, Ms. Dana George, Dr. Gwen Meador, Dr. Megan Smith, Ms. Kristen Land, Ms. Carolyn Bailey, Dr. Nora Gough-Davis (recorder, Ms. Amber Hays)

Members not in attendance: Dr. Jon Westfall

Guests:

Call to Order: The meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Budget Sustainability was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on December 1. The meeting convened at 12:10 p.m. with Ms. Carolyn Bailey giving the welcome and explaining that Dr. Ennis has responded to the recommendations and will be presenting them to Cabinet on Tuesday, December 5th.

Approval of the Minutes

Upon review of the minutes, it was noted that the Committee's recommendations were not clearly delineated. The minutes were approved with revisions to ensure clarity Ms. Hays agreed to make the adjustments.

General Overview

- There was discussion about the next meeting. Due to final exam week and commencement on 12/8, members agreed to meet on Monday, December 11 at 8:00 a.m.
- Dr. Jurgenson, Dr. Westfall, and Dr. Wegmann devised a proposal for restructuring of the Academy. Dr. Jurgenson and Dr. Wegmann presented it to the committee in Dr. Westfall's absence.
- After considerable discussion, the committee took a five-minute break and resumed meeting at 1:06 p.m.
- On a motion by Dr. Jurgenson, seconded by Dr. Wegmann, the following recommendation was presented for a vote:
 - o "The committee recommends that the President consider restructuring the Academy, a suggested outline of which will be presented to the President by the chair of the committee and Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration.
- The committee voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

- Mr. Wakefield briefly explained that the zero-based budget process will begin January 1, 2024 and go into effect July 1, 2024.
- The chair of the committee asked the committee to identify other areas for cost savings to discuss at the next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.