University Budget Committee--Brief Notes
Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Committee members present: Roberta Brooke, Dave Bunting, Denise Campitelli, Judd Case, LeeAnn Case, Todd Hechtman, Michele Munson, Elizabeth Peterson, Don Ross, Annette Skaer, Marvin Smith, Chandra Schumacher, Kathleen Warren

Committee members absent: Kaleb Hoffer

Staff Present: Mary Voves, Chair-Ex-officio, Toni Habegger, Roxann Dempsey

Committee members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Mary Voves gave an overview of the role and responsibilities of the University Budget Committee. A goal of this committee is to advise, recommend and inform the constituents that each member represents. She also said that the budget hearing process is a major part of the committee's responsibility.

Mary reviewed a presentation that was given at the September 28th Board of Trustees meeting. The presentation was a 2011-13 budget update. She reviewed the budget reductions that the University has taken of the last several years totaling more than $58 million dollars. She discussed the special legislative session that will take approximately 30 days. The session will be to discuss an $18 billion dollar state budget cut.

There was discussion in regards to whether or not we should have a meeting on November 9th since we will not have any information about the budget plans. The committee decided to meet and Mary, Annette, Marvin and David will prepare a ‘work session’ for the committee. The work session will include an overview, historical data, tuition and revenue, finances of the institution.

Mary invited the committee members to attend the November Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting at which time Grant Forsythe will provide an economic forecast and Mary will present on the University reserves and tuition. Once the meeting time is confirmed the committee will be notified.

During discussions Mary asked for several documents to be distributed to the committee members: a white paper and the power point presentation she prepared on tuition and the UBC recommendations to the President last year. Toni mentioned that the committee could go to the TVW website and watch the Senate Ways and Means discussion from the October 10th meeting regarding the budget update for fall 2011.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting November 9, 2011, 2:30-4:00 pm, TAW 215A