University Budget Committee
Minutes of September 18, 2013 Meeting

Members in attendance: Rajeev Bansal, Safet Berisa, Thomas Bontly, Angela Brightly, Elizabeth Jockusch, Philip Mannheim, Jim Marsden, Claire Price, Katrina Spencer, Daniel Stolzenberg, Mohamed Hussein.

The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

Future agenda items:

Issues to be discussed with Provost Choi, Executive VP for Adm. And Finance Gray and VP for Research Seemann (I will contact the three to arrange how they want to address these issues and whether we should meet with the three of them together or each of them separately).

The impact of Next Gen on the State’s block grant.

How much of the startup packages are charged to departments?

Indirect Cost Returns (IDC): Are the plans to retain the 10-10-10 split (PI-Dept Head-Dean) of the IDC into the future? And does the VPR get the remaining amount or will other offices/units in the university get an allocation?

The future of work study funding after this year. What would happen if not many departments use work study students? Inquire from Enrollment Management on how the work study funds are allocated.

Regional campus budgets.

What is the policy for spousal hiring?

The building plan and the status of UConn 2000 projects.

Invite Tom Callahan to discuss the implementation of various savings identified in the McKinsey report.

Meet with the leadership of the Foundation to discuss fundraising goals, the transfer of funds, return on investments, and the impact of changes in athletics.

Budget Director and Committee member Katrina Spencer discussed:

Progress in implementation of the Kuali System: While substantial progress has been made, there are still issues that need to be addressed and resolved. There are 13 modifications in progress. The Committee members also discussed the problems with HR system and the travel approval system. It is
recommended feedback from administrative assistants, who use the system, should be sought in the work to improve the system.

Director Spencer affirmed that the Provost has only committed to fund the 20% of the work study costs for this year for Academic Units.

She reported that financial aid has kept with the increase in enrollment. About 15% to 17% of tuition are allocated to financial aid.

Director Spencer presented the budget for the current year which included 30.9 million deficit covered by the University reserves. Director Spencer Ppt. presentation and additional information will be attached as separate documents to these minutes.

Professor Bontly reported that he is preparing a survey about the tuition charge to grants. He asked for input from the Committee members.

Finally, the Committee welcomed Budget director Katrina Spencer to it membership.