

UConn  
University Budget Committee  
Senate Conference Room  
Minutes  
October 14, 2019  
3-4:30

Present: Rajeev Bansal, Angela Brightly (on phone) Lloyd Blanchard-ex officio, Lisa Park Boush, Nafis Fuad, Michael Jones, Philip Mannheim, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Carol Polifroni-chair, Lisa Sanchez, Daniel Stolzenberg, Paulo Verdi, Michael White,  
Excused absence: James Marsden

1. Minutes 9/16/2019 (approved as disseminated)
2. Welcome graduate student Nafis
3. Fringe rate discussion with Michele Williams, Associate Vice President Research and Michael Glasgow, Associate Vice President, Sponsored Programs.
  - a. An appreciation of the complexity of the fringe rate on research grants was noted.
  - b. In 2019 the legislative bill proposed addressed the totality of the dilemma (\$96million), statewide and not solely the medical/pension component which is 50%. UConn share of that is approximately \$8million with \$4million at Storrs.
  - c. State government has underlying belief that UConn can recoup the fringe from external sources; data are available to illustrate that secured grants are fewer as a result of this and that different personnel are hired to maximize the available dollars.
  - d. Potential solutions:
    - i. Fringe rates should reflect true costs
    - ii. Differentiate fringe by pension plan
    - iii. IDC not subject to fringe
    - iv. Can summer pay rates for graduate students be changed so that fringe not as onerous
  - e. President is committed to addressing the problem and finding solutions in this academic year.
4. Tuition plan for next several years
  - a. 4 year plan to be presented to BOT in December 2019
  - b. Creating rule based guide for the future
  - c. Tuition increase on out of state students may not yield the desired number of students
  - d. May consider a single tuition rate with in state students receiving a state paid benefit
  - e. The announced Connecticut Commitment will require an additional \$1million per year for each year of the roll out capitated at \$4million annually once the full number of classes is covered. Money will be raised through philanthropy.
5. In preparation for December meeting with Director of Athletics, need financial people available.
6. Next meeting 11/18/19:  
Scott Roberts, President UConn Foundation  
Send your questions to [carol.polifroni@uconn.edu](mailto:carol.polifroni@uconn.edu) by November 11<sup>th</sup> so they can be provided to Mr. Jordan in advance.