

**University Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting, September 17, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 4:07 PM. Werner Wieland (chair), Brian Rizzo, Colin Rafferty (secretary), Laura Allison, Janet Asper, Patricia Reynolds, Stephen Farnsworth, Paul Messplay, Dana Hall in attendance.

Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted (Motion: Asper; Second: Rizzo).

Overview

Paul Messplay provided an overview of the budget process for this year. Obviously, the budget cuts mandated by the Commonwealth will affect almost every aspect of the process, so the dates provided may change. Messplay will provide updates when the Governor's budget is released (December) and when the General Assembly meets (January 14-February 14). The UBAC will send its recommendation to the President via CAO and CFO in mid-March.

Messplay was asked if last year's recommendations were implemented, or if they fell to the round of cuts. He responded that it's a work in progress/moving target, and that the amount of the cut may change during the Special Session, from 5%/7% to a consistent 2.6%. House act prevents a mid-year tuition increase.

Messplay provided the 2014-15 Operating Budget as of July 1, 2014. Due to an unexpected decrease in number of students as well as the Commonwealth's decreased commitment to higher education, this budget does not reflect 100% the current situation.

Messplay provided a comparison of tuition and fees at Virginia state schools; UMW is ranked 9th in in-state total and 11th in out-of-state. The committee discussed the school's positioning of itself as a "best buy" and its effectiveness.

Wieland asked how the committee should proceed when the Commonwealth budget situation is still up in the air. The committee discussed how the proposed budget cuts at either level could affect the committee's decisions. Messplay recommended that the committee, as early in the process as possible, talk with VPs about how they will deal with the budget shortfalls.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM (Motion: Farnsworth; Second: Reynolds).