

**University Budget Advisory Committee
Meeting, 10-29-2014**

Meeting called to order at 4:10 PM. In attendance: Paul Messplay, Brian Rizzo, Werner Wieland (chair), Patricia Reynolds, Janet Asper, Dana Hall, Stephen Farnsworth, Les Johnson, Brian Rizzo.

To open the meeting Stephen asked if this committee had been apprised of the plan to start a Golf Team as a varsity sport at UMW. Dana replied that this was a reallocation of funds within the athletic department's budget. This was included in the strategic plan and approved by the Board of Visitors. The Golf Team would replace Rowing as a varsity sport.

The question was raised regarding the purpose of the UBAC. Is this topic really a matter of budget administration and beyond the committee's purview. One member of the committee responded by stating that if a matter is a standing part of the budget then, yes, it is within the committee's responsibilities to review.

Another committee member commented that according to Title 9 there must be parity for men and women. It was explained that the men's golf team would begin in fall 2016 leaving one year for recruiting a team. There will be a coaching stipend (~\$5K). There is the hope to start a women's golf team in the fall of 2017. In 2015 the BOV approved a men's golf team to begin in 2015 but the athletics dept. pushed back the date to 2016 so they would have time to recruit. The question was asked if there had be a request for proposals prior to selecting Augustine Golf Club as the home course for the team. Also, was the idea of corporate sponsorship investigated and what about van transportation?

This brought up the question as to just what is the role of this committee? The crew team is still here albeit not a varsity sport. Should we (UBAC) weigh in where there are savings to be realized? Our challenges are many. Is it time for us to be part of it? Another committee member respond by stating that this committee in the past has not reviewed how a department spends their allocated budget, so when a department chooses to reallocate their funds, it is done so with careful research for the betterment of their department.

The question was asked if we (UBAC) are in a position to look at how departments spend their funds? The response was that this committee has voted on items as small as \$5K . What is the line between what we do and don't do?

Due to a mixup in scheduling today's topic will be delayed until the Nov. 19 meeting. At that time the committee will hear from Doug Searcy