University Budget Advisory Committee Minutes

October 6, 2023

Attending: Andrew (Drew) Delaney (chair), Alexis Rutt, Brad Hansen, Dan Hubbard, Martina Pugh (student representative), Patrick Catullo (*ex-officio*), Robert (Bob) Rycroft (co-secretary), Sandrine Sutphin, Smita Jain Oxford, Amy Jesse, Alexis Rutt, Sandrine Sutphin Guest Star – Dr. Nancy Wang, Director of the Health Center

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm.

Drew spoke about future meetings. On 10/13 we will hear from Campus Recreation. We will begin work on the Mid-Year report on 10/20. We will hear from Amy Filiatreau, University Librarian.

Dr. Wang said the Health Center's budget had been expanded \$13,000 during the pandemic. This had allowed the Center to pay for Electronic Health Record (\$10,000) and partial payment for Fonemed (\$3,000), an after-hours nurse triage system.

Center purchases medical supplies and Labcorp testing each year. Cost increases in the future a concern. Covid tests might not be reimbursed in the future. SHC would like to replace the old, stained waiting room chairs. Ten chairs need to be replaced.

Students are charged for tests, medication, and allergy or medication injections. This money is returned to the University general fund. SHC would like to retain that money to pay for future cost increases in all the items above. Any surplus at the end of the year would revert to the General Fund. Wants to be able to provide free STI testing. Wants to continue providing wraps, cold packs, goody bag, etc. for free.

Dr. Wang was then bid farewell.

UBAC then discussed why we even exist. We were reminded of Jeff McClurken's explanation that most of what we report to the Administration has already come to their attention. They are most interested in us finding cuts. A committee member offered that we are perfunctory and redundant. Another indicated that they wanted to hear from the Internal Auditor, and did not want the committee to be perceived as henchmen. Nothing in our charge says we need to look for cuts. Our time might be better served by finding groups that do not have direct access to the President. A member expressed interest in learning more about student employment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robert S. Rycroft Co-Secretary