



**PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** January 22, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 PM

Voting Members	Title	Present?
Raaj Kurapati	Executive Vice Chancellor and COO	Yes
Dr. Wesley Byerly	AVC for Research	Yes
Dr. Cindy Russell	VC for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs	Yes
Dr. Jessica Snowden	VC for Research	Yes
Dr. Wendy Likes	Dean - Nursing	Yes
Dr. Nick Verne	Interim Executive Dean - Medicine	Yes
Dr. Reginald Frye	Dean - Pharmacy	Yes
Dr. Kristi Forman	Director of Admissions Operations, Staff Senate President	Yes
Dr. Tracy McClinton	Faculty Senate President	Yes
Dr. Ken Tilashalski	Dean - Dentistry	Yes
Dr. Charles Snyder	VC for Student Success	Yes
Non-Voting Members	Title	Present?
Michael Ebbs	AVC, Financial Strategy	Yes
George Ninan	AVC, Financial Operations	Yes
Melissa Moore	Associate General Counsel	Yes
Benjie Harmon	AVC Financial Planning and Budget	Yes

**Approve Agenda & Minutes from Prior Meetings**

- **AGENDA:** The agenda was reviewed, Mr. Raaj Kurapati called for a motion to accept, which was then made by Dr. Reginald Frye. A second was made by Wendy Likes.
- **MINUTES:** Minutes from the December 16, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Kurapati called or a motion to accept, which was made by Dr. Wendy Likes. A second motion was made by Dr. Charles Snyder.



### **Medical School Dean Search**

- Mr. Kurapati gave a brief update on the search.

### **Lieutenant Governor Visit and Emphasis on Medical School**

- Raaj discussed the upcoming visit of the Lieutenant Governor and the plans for the day, including the presentation planned to show the need and plans proposing a new medical school building and funding needs.

### **Tuition Proposal information for Advisory Board**

- Benjie provided the proposed tuition increases by college and program. We reaffirmed the process to arrive at the amounts and that each was discussed and developed with discussions with each college dean and their respective business officer.
- We reminded the group that this is the first time the institution has approached tuition from a strategic standpoint and evaluating each college/program separately, by looking at a multitude of both qualitative and quantitative pieces of information. Further, we reminded the group that this is the first step in developing a comprehensive and transparent strategic approach to tuition, and while not perfect, this provides us a base and an opportunity to continually grow and improve our process each year.
- We thanked each college and provided a special thanks to Allen Dupont and his team, as well as, each college dean and their business officer, for assisting with much of the information and their involvement in collaborative conversations.

### **Closing Statements**

- Raaj reemphasized that this was the first year to look at and evaluate tuition strategically and that we would be able to continually improve the process year-over-year



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- Benjie Harmon ended the meeting at approximately 3:30PM