



Budget Committee
March 20, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
1800 Grant Street, Denver Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Dale Deboer, Barbara Frye, Bruce Neumann, Dean Taylor, Geoff Barsch, Mark Stanker, Isabella Muturi Sauve, Laura Borgelt, Gary Colbert

On the phone: Patricia Heyn

CU Health & Welfare Trust Financial Statements, Mark Stanker

Mark Stanker handed out copies of the report 'University of Colorado Health and Welfare Trust Financial Statements June 30, 2013 and 2012', as well as the 'University of Colorado Health and Welfare Trust Committee FY14-Second Quarter Reports February 24, 2014'.

Discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected.

Legislature & Budget Update, Geoff Barsch

Geoff's report included the following in his report:

- Update on the Long Bill.
- House Bill 14-1319, *Concerning the Creation of an Outcomes-based funding model for Higher Education*.
- The February 2014 Board of Regents meeting report.
- Budget flexibility expires in 2016, expected to lead to more legislative control.
- General fund report
 - Revenue forecast is slightly higher than was expected.
 - Pay increases for classified staff, exempt professionals and faculty.
 - Funding for the Visual & Performing Arts Center in UCCS as well as the Ketchum Building.

Discussion on Committee Proposals

Chair Neumann reported that the committee's proposals on compensation for staff and faculty (February 19, 2014) had not been discussed at the February Board of Regents meeting. He added that he was waiting to hear from the Chair of the Faculty Council why the motions had not been presented.

Bruce went on to discuss the draft letter that the committee had written to Regent Carrigan and President Benson, requesting that shared governance protocols relating to the budget process at CU be followed. Bruce noted that this letter had also not been sent to President Benson and Regent Carrigan.



In the ensuing discussion, Chair Neumann noted that the decision making mechanism for the budget process does not seem to include faculty input which is worrisome and invited input from committee members. The committee agreed on the following:

- To hold off on the proposal on staff and faculty compensation motion and await outcome of the March 21, 2014 meeting of the Board of Regents. Increases in compensation as well as tuition will be discussed during this meeting.
- The letter to Regent Carrigan and President Benson should go forward at some point, to improve mechanisms and procedures that will allow faculty input to CU budget processes. Faculty should be consulted starting in November when the annual budgeting process starts, and not in February as in recent years.
- The committee requests that it be involved in budget discussions starting in November and not in February as in recent cases.
- The committee will pursue more information about the Trust's quarterly financials from last year because there was no information in the audit about whether they considered the quarterly reports or the underlying accounting issues.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be on April 17, 2014 in the Denver conference room, 1800 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203. (However, the April meeting was later cancelled by Chair Neumann and the May meeting was rescheduled to May 12.)