



Budget Committee  
October 17, 2013  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
1800 Grant Street, Denver Conference Room  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Gary Colbert, Laura Borgelt, Dean Taylor, Bruce Neumann, Fernando Riosmena, Geoff Barsch, Melinda Piket-May, Isabella Muturi Sauve, Barbara Frye, Jill Pollock, Jeremy Heuth, Christopher Koziol, Todd Saliman

**Fiscal Management of the Health & Welfare Trust**

During this discussion, members noted that the response by the Trust to the committee's *Proposal on Fiscal Management of the Health Trust 2012-13, 8-19-13* had personally addressed Chair Bruce Neumann, rather than to the committee as a whole and that this was inappropriate. They also noted that concerns with accounting procedures remain proposed that the Health & Welfare Trust revisit the committee's proposal from a perspective of policy and procedure. Members went on to indicate their dissatisfaction with the outcome of the proposal, noting the need for reassurance that the external auditors hired by the Trust will also review its accounting.

The committee went on to propose the development of separate accounting categories for cash and restricted cash, and requested that additional attention be devoted to managing the financial health of the Trust.

Members went on to discuss the methods for determining tuition benefits for employees & dependents, especially at the Schools of Public Health & Medicine and the implication that the employees/dependents that take classes at the School of Public are cash funded and charged by the School of Medicine. VP Pollock indicated that she was unaware of such a policy and that she will consult with member Rich Lindrooth before reporting back to the committee.

**Approval of Minutes**

The committee discussed the following point as noted in the minutes of the previous month:

- Only an external auditor can determine the extent of the internal controls of an organization. The Health Trust Board is confident that the auditors are doing the level of work necessary to issue an opinion on the financial statements.

They noted that the statement is factually wrong and requested clarification from Mark Stanker. The minutes of the last meeting were approved with changes.

**State Higher Education Funding, Todd Saliman**

Todd discussed the outlook of state funding for higher education over the next 10 years and noted that he will provide another update to the committee in January 2014.

**Proposal on the Faculty Compensation Pool, Fernando Riosmena**



Fernando updated the committee on the proposal. The committee noted that the inclusion of ideas around market comparisons and compression rates will likely increase the possibility of approval the proposal by the Legislature. In addition, it was suggested that the motion include a 2-3 year outlook of faculty & exempt staff compensation.

### **Update on the Board of Regents Meeting, Geoff Barsch**

In his report, Geoff noted that the Regents had heard reports on the implementation of the program prioritization processes on all campuses. The Colorado Springs campus will start its program prioritization process in October and will issue a report by April 2014. He added that the Boulder campus will adopt a 3 pronged approach which will leverage the office of efficiency, efforts to increase student retention & graduation rates and the current academic review processes, while representatives from the Denver campus questioned whether the campus was in a position to implement the prioritization process. Geoff went on to note that the Regents are seeking common bench marks that can be used for program prioritization on a campus by campus basis.

Geoff also reported that the Regents had discussed student enrollment, compensation, resident vs. non-resident tuition at the Boulder campus as well as graduate vs. undergraduate and enrollment rates.

### **Old Business**

#### **Proposal on Fiscal Management of the Health & Welfare Trust**

Members reviewed a draft response to the Health & Welfare Trust regarding the committee's proposal. They noted that it was important to maintain integrity and professionalism in crafting an appropriate. It was also proposed that a joint committee of the Budget & UBAB committees be established to further discuss the proposal as well as establish other aspects of fiscal management of the Trust that are of interest to faculty.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2013 in the Denver conference room of 1800 Grant St, Denver.