

College of Rehabilitation Sciences College Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date- November 7, 2024

Time- 3:30-4:30

Location- Zoom

Chair- Reg Urbanowski

Attendees

Ruth Barclay
Faye Bauer
Debra Beach-Ducharme
Cara Brown
Sarah Conci
Juliette Cooper
Mark Garrett
Deborah Handziuk
Margaret Hart
Elisa Hudson
Leslie Johnson
Lisa Engel
Liz Harvey
Kaitlin King
Denise Mackey
Brian MacNeil
Puck Mai
Andrea Mandzuk
Oyindamola Otubusen
Joanne Parsons
Patricia Plett
Lea Soliman
Patricia Thille
Mirella Veras
Karen Wood

Regrets

Aya El-Alawi -on leave
Teresa Allison
Sandra Biesheuvel
Jenn Billeck
Julie Braga
Lisa Diamond-Burchuk
Madeline Burghardt

Cory Campbell
Louise Chartrand
Amine Choukou
Kelly Codispodi-on leave
Moni Fricke-on leave
Jordan Friesen
Ed Giesbrecht-on leave
Candice Harmon
Kaitlin Joyal
Nancy Klassen
Monique Levesque
Me-Linh Le
Leanne Leclair-on leave
Jeanette Logan
Natalie Schroeder-MacLeod
Jodene Neufeld
Charlene Mathison
Mike McMurray
Lisa Mendez
Karan Multani
Jacquie Ripat
Diana Sanchez Ramirez
Rebecca Schorr
Brenda Semenko
Taylor Tutkaluke
Maureen Walker
Sandra Webber

Special Guest

Nathan Dueck
Nicole Graham-Tetrault
Mike Emslie
Diana Hiebert-Murphy
Peter Nickerson

Recorder
Liane Allen

1. Welcome and Quorum met
2. Review of the University, RFHS and College of Rehabilitation Sciences Budget- M. Emslie, D. Hiebert-Murphy, P. Nickerson and R. Urbanowski (Powerpoint slides attached)
 - a. Presentation highlights
 - i. This budget presentation is focused on the operating budget, not the non-operating budget
 - ii. There was a small increase in the grant based on the expansions

- iii. Our domestic tuition is regulated by the province which has resulted in the UofM having the one of the lowest tuitions in the country.
- iv. The government does not regulate international tuition. This past year the government introduced a new process for international students to obtain their visas. They have also placed a cap on the number of visas approved. This has resulted in a 5% decline in enrollment, or a 5 million dollar loss
- v. The 2022/2023 surplus decrease was largely due to collective agreements seeing an increase in salaries
- vi. We received an increase of 10% in the grant in 2023/2024. This allowed the university to avoid cuts and to hire.
- vii. The former government indicated that they wanted to see an increase in seats in the medical programs. The newly elected government agreed with this assessment but did not confirm funding until the end of March 2024
- viii. Budget model
 - 1. The old budget model allowed faculties to hold on to their surpluses. The new model allows for faculties to hold on to up to 10% of their surplus, the remainder will be used centrally
 - 2. The previous budget model created unpredictability which likely resulted in a number of units spending conservatively adding to the surplus. This model is more transparent.
 - 3. The surplus dollars will be reviewed by the Central Allocation Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee. They will then provide the Provosts Office with recommendations on how to use the funds
 - 4. Much of the surplus will be used for maintenance as the university only receives about \$4 million a year from the government. Currently the university has about \$600 million worth of backlogged projects that need to be addressed. Much of this is due to the Fort Garry campus being responsible for its own roads and infrastructure.
- ix. Carryover Process
 - 1. Although we want to have reserves put to the side, we want to ensure this does not grow too large.
 - 2. We want to ensure that these funds are being invested in the academic mission
 - 3. The university is working towards eliminating units having funds sitting in small accounts. We want these funds to go to a central pool
 - 4. SFOs will be working with their units to spend their carryover funds down. This will allow that university to make a case for its capital and growth needs. The biggest risk is that the grant will be decreased
- x. College priorities
 - 1. The budget increases over the next few years do not include the SLP and PhD program programs
 - 2. Expansion hiring is on track and the bulk of hiring is expected to be completed by next summer
 - 3. The SLP program proposal was approved at the October 30th College Council meeting.
 - 4. PhD Program proposal will be presented at the December College Council meeting.

5. GOOSE (Grow our own specialist through education)- We have received a grant from the Master Card Foundation
 6. Rural Rehab Models- There have been models of care that have worked in the First Nation communities. Sherie Gray from RHC has been seconded to help with this process
 7. Remote campuses- The RT expansion calls for a northern cohort, we are working on getting this assembled
3. Open Discussion
- a. Are there any long term plans for the deferred capital budget?
 - i. The university is reviewing and improving the capital planning process. There is a deferred audit to review what is needed as critical. Raman and her team then decides on priority. Many of the other U15 institutions are dealing with this same challenge. Having a detailed and comprehensive list will help us having more meaningful conversations with the government regarding funding
 - b. The operating portion of the college's budget includes items like T&E UMFA travel, general day to day supplies and materials. It is noted that a 20% operating budget falls within the normal range
 - c. It is noted by the Provosts Office that the College of Rehabilitation Sciences' budget is stable
 - d. There will be a Dean's Town Hall in November.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30