

Minutes, Budget Committee of Academic Senate

Meeting of Nov. 6, 2006 (As approved, January 22, 2007)

Present: Michael McIntyre (chair), Anjali Anturkar*, Stephen Calkins, Charles Elder, Charles Parrish*, Frederic Pearson, Arik Ragowsky, Louis Romano, Robert Ross, Linea Rydstedt, Vishwanath Sardesai, William Volz, James Woodyard.

Absent with Notice: Assia Shisheva, Eileen Trzcinski,

Invited Guests: Nancy Barrett, Provost; John L. Davis, Vice President for Finance & Facilities Management.

*Liaison

1. The meeting convened at 11:05 a.m. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Oct. 16, 2007, was put off because some changes that were requested had not reached the chair before the meeting.
2. *Matters Going to the BOG.* The committee discussed briefly the various matters going to the BOG's Budget and Finance Committee. One member noted that the university appears to have sold naming rights for the new track at below the normal rate. Questions were asked about the proposal for significant renovation of the Rackham Building, which is not owned by the University. It was suggested that long-term renovations might be unwise unless the University arranges a long-term lease.

A major topic of discussion was the Capital Outlay Request to the State. In general, that request to the state for funding followed the draft proposal discussed by the committee at its meeting of Oct. 16, 2006. One member noted that the request for funding for the Chemistry Building was \$10 million over the earlier estimates. Vice President Davis stated that the larger amount was used to take account of possible increases in costs over time. The chair noted that some of the internal tables listed projects out of alphabetical order, suggesting, incorrectly, that items nearer the top of the list had a higher priority.

3. *Revision of Budget Form for Centers.* The committee discussed possible changes in the budget form used by centers and institutes as part of their periodic reviews. The chair indicated that he would try to provide the committee with a revised form for discussion purposes at some future date.
4. *Adjournment.* The committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Michael J. McIntyre