



UNIVERSITY OF
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University Budget Committee
Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 19th, 2015
TODD 204, 1:30-2:30

The committee chair opened the meeting and reminded the committee of the Planning-Assessment Continuum and the committee's charge. Members were reminded of the process and the committee's role. The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the committee members' prioritization of University Planning Committee's strategic funding requests.

The committee began working through the document, starting with the first line and working their way down the list as the conversation progressed. The discussion was open to the room, with several committee and audience members participating. Several questions were raised about a scenario in which spending requests were not funded and whether the expense would be distributed across campus or stay within a sector. The committee chair commented that the proposed funding model will also benefit this process in the future.

The committee then broached the topic about how the budget projections were formulated and members were reminded that the projections are conservative and subject to additional scrutiny and modification through the implementation process and future legislative activity.

After some additional conversation, the committee chair helped move the committee along and work through the document by collaboratively adding/removing/editing items as discussed. After agreeing to the changes, the chair informed the committee of the next steps in the budget process. The list of recommendations would go to the President's Cabinet for implementation decisions. Meanwhile, the committee was asked to review the Budget Timeline that was put together, but unfortunately the meeting ran out of time before its review.

The meeting is adjourned.