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Mr. Tom Kuntz, Chair, convened the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee at 9:02 a.m. Members present for roll call were Ned Lautenbach, Tonnette Graham, Mori Hosseini, Wayne Huizenga, Jr., Alan Levine and Norman Tripp. Other Board members present included Matt Carter, Pat Frost, Wendy Link, Ed Morton, Katherine Robinson, and Paw Stewart.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kuntz called the meeting to order.

Mr. Kuntz reported that at the June Committee meeting he had mentioned that the Committee would be discussing the preeminent tuition differential metrics for UF and FSU at the September meeting. Statute requires the Board to set benchmarks for three metrics identified and the universities must meet those benchmarks before being eligible to increase their tuition differential fee. After conversations with both UF and FSU, at this time neither school will be entertaining a potential tuition differential increase for the Fall of 2016. So the Committee is postponing discussion of this item to a later date. Mr. Kuntz thanked President Fuchs and President Thrasher for their ongoing commitment to our students.

2. Approval of June 17, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lautenbach moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the meeting held June 17, 2015 as presented. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

3. 2015-2016 SUS Operating Budgets

Mr. Kuntz noted that Board Regulation 9.007 requires the Board to review and approve university operating budgets and requested Mr. Tim Jones to present the annual operating budgets.

After the presentation, Mr. Tripp moved that the Committee approve the 2015-2016 University Operating Budgets as presented. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

4. 2015-2016 Board General Office Operating Budget

Mr. Kuntz requested Mr. Jones to present this item.

After the presentation, Mr. Tripp moved that the Committee approve the Board general office budget as presented and authorize the Chancellor to make budgetary changes as necessary to operate the office. Mr. Lautenbach seconded the motion, and members of the Committee concurred.

5. 2016-2017 SUS Legislative Budget Request

Mr. Kuntz stated that the 2016 legislative session begins in January this year instead of March. So the Committee schedule has been advanced compared to previous years. The Legislative Budget Request (LBR) has to be submitted to the Legislature and Governor on September 15.

The Board adopted the LBR guidelines at the March meeting and the LBR presented today is in accordance with those guidelines. In addition, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Innovation and Online Committee have reviewed several LBR items and have requested that we consider including those in our official LBR.

Recently the state released revenue projections that reflect an increase in available revenue for 2016-2017. Even though revenues appear to be strong, the universities must continue to look for efficiencies, best practices or shared initiatives.

MR. Kuntz reiterated that this Board should provide a sound, reasonable budget that focuses on performance funding and key system issues, and that is what staff will be presenting this morning. Mr. Kuntz asked Mr. Jones to walk us through the 2016-17 LBR?

Mr. Jones provided some background information on the revenue picture and the various issues coming to the Committee for consideration. Ms. Judy Russell was there to speak on the Florida Academic Repository issue. FSU's Chief Perry presented an Enhanced Campus Safety and Security Issue. President John Hitt spoke on behalf of the Consortium of Metropolitan Universities Issue.

The LBR focuses on system initiatives and totals \$4.66 billion. This is a 3.5% increase over the prior year base budget. Additional information items on the Major Gift matching program and university unique budget request issues were noted as well.

After comments and discussion, Mr. Hosseini moved that the Committee approve the 2016-2017 SUS LBR for \$4.66 billion or 3.5% over the prior year and authorize the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred.

6. 2016-2017 Board General Office LBR

Mr. Jones presented the General Office LBR and noted that no additional increase was being requested at this time.

Mr. Hosseini moved that the Committee approve the 2016-2017 Board General Office LBR as presented and authorize the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and members of the Committee concurred.

7. Waiver of Student Tuition and Fees

Mr. Kuntz shared with the Committee in June a table on the number and amount of tuition and fees waivers that are provided to students across the system. Mr. Kuntz has asked Mr. Jones and Dr. Joe Glover, UF Provost, to provide some information on waivers to the Committee.

Mr. Jones provided some basic facts on statutory versus non-statutory waivers, the amount of waivers and the number of waivers provided to students.

Dr. Glover presented on the value of waivers to a university and how those waivers help attract quality students to the institutions.

6. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Kuntz reminded the Committee that there will be a workshop on September 22 to review potential changes to the Performance Based Funding model.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Tom Kuntz, Chair

Tim Jones, Vice Chancellor
Finance and Administration