

**Budget Council Meeting
Minutes
September 9, 2011
1:30 – 3 p.m.
Tigert 202**

Attendance:

Marc Heft
Matt Fajack
Brian Harfe
Alex Berkovich
Sue Alvers
Paul Mueller

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. New members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Marc Heft stated that Scott Nygren, Faculty Senate Chair, asked the council to monitor RCM and interdisciplinary activities. The challenge is how to support interdisciplinary activities in an RCM environment. Benefits restructuring was another issue the Faculty Senate Chair requested that the council review. What are ways in which the university can offset the 3% payment from faculty paychecks toward state retirement?

A broad discussion ensued about IDCs, the declining budget funding, self-insurance plan and the Budget Council's action plan for the coming year. The council decided that it will have three separate discussions: RCM Impact on Teaching, RCM Impact on Research, and discussion on benefits restructuring. Plans are to extend an invitation to Doug Jones (UF Museum) and Steve Humphreys (Natural Resources) for the October meeting to discuss RCM Impact on Teaching. Several potential guests were suggested for discussion of RCM Research impacts. It was suggested that Barbara Wingo should also attend a future meeting to inform the council about the history of IDCs.

The committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.