

**Budget Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 14, 2014**  
**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Tigert 226**

**Attendance:**

Florin Curta, Sue Alvers, Paul Mueller, Matt Fajack, Meera Sitharam, Deborah Cupples, Joe Glover, Alex Berkovich, and Laura Sjoberg (via phone)

Florin Curta called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and the January 2014 minutes were approved. He welcomed Provost Joe Glover and gave some background information about past discussions at council meetings. He noted that RCM operates at the university level, but the Budget Council is interested in what kind of fiscal system is used on the college level and if there is substantial accountability. Provost Glover emphasized that the deans are accountable for their budgets, but not all colleges use the RCM model in their area. Deans have latitude to arrange their budget, but they are accountable for results.

- New money that comes into the University, such as the preeminence dollars, is strategically allocated to the colleges, not through RCM.
- Now that Academic Analytics is online, Provost Glover can use the data to measure performance. Faculty members will soon have access to Academic Analytics to view their own data. To do this, faculty will have to contact the Institutional Review office.
- Asking the dean questions about the budget is a good role for faculty governance.
- Provost Glover monitors the mission and outcomes of colleges while Matt Fajack keeps an eye on total expenditures.
- Suggestion: The Budget Council should write guiding budget principles for colleges and develop a template for deans to fill out to give to their faculty councils.
- Matt will draft a high level template for faculty and deans as a starting point. He will also send out a packet of a college budget as an example.

The council continued its long discussion about Academic Analytics and adjourned at 4:55 p.m.