

Budget Council Meeting
Minutes
October 11, 2013
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Tigert 202

Attendance:

Florin Curta, Sue Alvers, Paul Mueller, Matt Fajack, Alexander Berkovich, Sarah Delahunty, Meera Sitharam

Florin Curta called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. Minutes from September were approved.

Florin suggested that the council extend discussion of RCM to the November meeting.

Inflow side of RCM

- Matt Fajack gave a presentation on Introduction to Tax System in RCM at UF.
 - First the university figures out how much is needed for support units that tend to general little or no revenue, but do incur costs. Support centers explain their value and services to a Budget Review Council that is composed of representatives from colleges, VP areas, and faculty senate. Their costs are allocated to each Responsibility Center based on certain cost drivers. Support centers also go through a “zero-based” budget review every five years. Centers that are up for review this year are: Provost Office, International Studies, Treasure, Bursar and Sustainability.
 - Purpose is to let a college run itself and provide services
 - Library was the hardest hit by the recession

Open Discussion

- Suggestion: Should the council issue a document with specific questions and answers and recommend that it be added to the RCM handbook?
- After a long discussion on RCM, the council decided to continue the subject to the November meeting. Florin asked the members to please send specific questions to him before the next meeting.
- Should the Senate Budget Council have a representative on the University’s Budget Council?
- Hopefully the next meeting can help eliminate some of the fog that the members have about RCM

The council adjourned at 5:30 p.m.