

**Budget Council Meeting
Minutes
March 13, 2015
3:30-5:00 pm
Tigert 202**

Attendance: Deborah Cupples, Florin Curta, Gregory Dubois, Andrew McCollough, James Seale, Meera Sitharam

Florin Curta called the meeting to order at 3:35 and the January minutes were approved.

Andrew McCollough began with a presentation of the UF Online, especially its financial implications.

- UF Online started in January 2014, and has at this moment over 1,000 students, 10 percent of which are freshmen
- Participating faculty receive \$3,500 each for producing courses
- Physics and chemistry courses require labs, so registered students have to take two summer sessions in the lab
- A Computer Science online degree will be available next Fall
- Allocation of the money produced is left at the college level
- Initially, “twinning” (video-recording live classes) was the solution, later truly online courses were developed
- Competition within the state of Florida creates additional problems, but the legislature mandate gives a certain pre-eminence to UF
- Pearson is the private partner UF uses for the implementation of the online courses; the contract with Pearson targets primarily out-of-state students
- Out of \$35 mil. over 5 years, Pearson gets 9 mil.; Pearson also gets 60 percent out of the revenue generated by out-of-state students
- PACE program encourages students who are not admitted at UF to enroll in UF Online, in order to become, at the end of at least 15 online credits and 1 year of study, to become fully resident students at UF
- UF cannot yet compare with either Pennsylvania State University and Arizona State University, both of which have developed online courses for more than 10,000 students
- UNISON consortium (of which UF is a co-founder) brings together 10 universities that share online content

After UF Online, the discussion moved to the appropriate date for an “extra” meeting of the Budget Council in which Greg Dubois would show the demo version of the budget template at some point before the next official meeting of the Council. Meera Sitharam will coordinate with all members of the council to announce the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.