



## **Budget and Finance Committee**

**September 13, 2024**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Governor Barnhill in the Student Center Ballroom. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present:** Governors Barnhill, Gaffney, Kelly, Kumar, and Stancato; Linda Beale, Faculty Representative; Damecia Donahue, Faculty Alternate Representative; Hayden Johnson, Student Representative, and Cordelia Krajewski, Student Representative

**Also Present:** Governors Atkinson, Busuito, and Land, President Espy, Provost Clabo, Vice Presidents Gielczyk, Lindsey, Obasi, Poterala, Ripple, and Schweitzer, Chief of Staff Smiley, Senior Vice Provosts Baltes and Ezzeddine, Vice Provosts Cotton, Ellis, and Gardner, Interim Vice Provost Padgett, Acting Vice President Thompson, Associate Vice Presidents Davenport and Hafner, Assistant Vice President Phillips, Director Wallace, and Secretary Miller

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, JUNE 26, 2024**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Kelly, the minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee were approved as submitted. The motion carried.

#### **CONTINGENCY RESERVE**

There were no recommended actions on the contingency reserve. The balance in this fund remains zero.

#### **UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY (UGL) - PHASE 2 STUDENT SUCCESS HUB**

AVP Davenport introduced the second phase of the Student Success Hub project, which involves moving the Career Services Center and the Transfer Student Success Center to the Undergraduate Library. SVP Ezzeddine provided additional details, explaining that Phase 1 moved Warrior 360 to the UGL, and updated the space to be more conducive to learning. The Student Success Hub in the UGL aims to integrate various student support services into one space to better support students. AVP Gardner added additional context, and emphasized that the new hub will change the face of support services, integrating academic and career services to enhance student engagement and support.

Committee members offered a number of ideas, including tracking engagement and interaction with students, providing opportunities for greater engagement and interaction with the faculty, and taking steps to ensure that the environment is a welcoming one for

students. Gathering student input on the center's design may be a step to put this in place. A strong communication plan is also needed to ensure that students know where to go for assistance. A grand opening ceremony will be held when these moves and renovations are complete.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Kumar, supported by Governor Gaffney, the Budget & Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or her designee, to approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts to move the Career Services Center and the Transfer Student Success Center to UGL with a project cost not to exceed \$800,000. Funding for this project will be provided by the Reserve for Special Non-Recurring Funds (50%) and Academic Affairs Reserve Carry Forward Funds (50%). The motion carried.

### **KRESGE EYE INSTITUTE LABORATORIES MOVE PROJECT TO C.S. MOTT**

The next project for the committee's consideration is to move three research laboratories from space at the Kresge Eye Institute leased from the DMC to the CS Mott Center. This is an effort to consolidate space and reduce leased space, all consistent with the university's campus plan. VP Obasi advised that the three primary faculty impacted by this move are involved in strong funded research in eye diseases. They will be moved as a collective into a renovated and much larger space in the Mott Center. This is a good move for the scientists, and will save the university money as well. Governor Busuito commented on the strength and reputation of the Kresge Eye Institute, and the depth of the research conducted there. He believes that in the future, a plan may be considered to reconsolidate Kresge Eye Institute physicians and researchers into one physical space, for a one stop shop.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Kumar, the Budget & Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or her designee, to approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts for the move of three research laboratories from space in the Kresge Eye Institute leased from the Detroit Medical Center to Wayne State University-owned space in the C.S. Mott Building, with a project cost not to exceed \$950,000. Funding for this project will be provided by the Reserve for Special Non-Recurring Funds. The motion carried.

### **STATE HALL RENOVATION - FUND SOURCE SWAP**

SVP Gielczyk presented the background on a request to change the source of funds for the State Hall Renovation project from the 2020 Bond funds originally approved for this use to funds remaining from the 2019 Bond issuance. The 2019 Bond funds are tax exempt, and will soon become a tax liability for the university. To reduce future tax obligations, the administration recommends expending the remaining balance from the 2019 Bond issuance prior to the end of the year. Following the funding swap, the 2020

Bond funds balance will be reallocated to future projects. Governor Gaffney commended the State Hall renovation project, and the newly redesigned building. He has a class in that building and sees firsthand how well utilized and liked the facility is by students and faculty alike, and offered his congratulations to the design and construction team.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Professor Beale and supported by Governor Stancato, the Budget & Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President or her designee to approve the use of up to \$4 million in 2019 Bond funds to replace 2020 Bond funds for the previously authorized renovation costs for M. Roy Wilson State Hall. The motion carried.

#### **INFORMATIONAL REPORT: MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY**

AVP Davenport presented the informational report summarizing progress on major projects. He commented on the completion of the Gretchen Valde Jazz Center, which held its grand opening ceremony recently. This has been a transformational project and AVP Davenport expressed much excitement and appreciation about the completed Center and what it will bring to the campus.

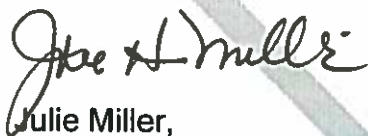
#### **PURCHASING EXCEPTIONS**

The last informational report details a summary of purchasing exceptions for contracts over \$50,000 that were issued without a competitive bid. Professor Beale asked for clarification on a fund that was cited, the Auxiliary Fund in the President's Office, as the source for search funds for the new VP for Enterprise Planning & Operational Excellence. The fund name was unfamiliar. SVP Gielczyk will check and advise.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Miller,  
Secretary to the Board of Governors