



### **Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)**

Minutes of Meeting: 4/17/24

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Present: Julie Boland, James Gulvas (Chair), Vilma Mesa, Romesh Saigal, Daniel Nemser, Francine Dolins, Geoffrey Chatas (VP and CFO), Hsiao Sung, Pamela Wong, Amir Jawed

Absent: Ruth Carlos, Ruth Person, Ragini Vittal, Samuel Konigbagbe

Guests: Associate Vice President for Finance Brian Smith

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

**11:04am:** Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the February FAAC meeting were approved. An icebreaker takes place.

The Chair indicated that he would work with the FSO to draft the committee's final report for the year and share the report with the committee once finished for feedback and suggested improvements. Recommendations for the report are suggested by committee members.

#### **Review of University Budget**

Summary: The Chair introduced the guest, Associate Vice President for Finance Brian Smith. The guest proceeded to lead a discussion on the University's budget. He went through the 2023 operating activities and broke down major line items for the University. Questions are asked related to how revenue is allocated, and what divisions exist. Clarifying questions are answered.

The conversation moved to the expenses the University had in the 2023 fiscal year. Questions are raised about differences between percentages of cost compared to revenue.

The Michigan Budget Model is reviewed. There are five major budgeting units that present operating budgets to the Board of Regents annually. These budgeting units are the General Fund, Student Life, Health Care, Dearborn, and Flint. The decentralized nature of the University leads to a heavily complex budget.

Charts are shared that demonstrate the flow of funds throughout the University system. Several final questions are addressed, and the presentation concludes.

The committee is thanked for their service, and the meeting closes.

Action: Presentation and discussion



**11:53am:** Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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