

**Academic Health Center  
Finance and Planning Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
December 17, 2007**

**Present: Paul Olin, chair, Helen Hansen, David Lee, Beth Nunnally, and Tim Walseth**

**In these minutes {Report from Senate Finance and Planning Committee and an Update on the Practice Plan Principles}**

Professor Olin provided a report from the Senate Finance and Planning Committee.

1. He said a report was given from the ad hoc committee, which has been following the application of the new budget model over the last year. Professor Olin said, not surprisingly the group found mixed reviews of the new budget model and its application, from across the University. He provided some of the information from new budget model report, which is noted below.
  - o Some are pleased with the features that create greater accountability and transparency.
  - o There is a perception of greater fairness with the new model.
  - o Others are concerned about the effect to departments that are principally academic in focus and whose revenue is limited essentially to tuition.
  - o The model is criticized for providing little to no incentive for service-based units to control costs.

Beth noted that University Services publishes an annual cost report that can be viewed on-line. The AHCFCC discussed awareness of the new budget model among colleges across the AHC. In order to gain a longer view of the issues related to the new budget model within each of the colleges, the group asked Beth to provide information on the AHC five-year financial plan at one of the upcoming meetings.

2. There University Police provided a review of public safety on campus. A detailed quarterly crime report is published by the department and posted on-line. The number of officers serving the University area has increased by eleven since the September 11, 2001 attack. Two additional bomb dogs have also been brought on to serve the force.

3. The issue of affordable student housing was discussed. The affordable housing stock around the campus is reported to be dwindling with much of the older housing stock falling to serious levels of disrepair. The state legislature allocated \$750,000 for a study of the problem and proposed solutions.

Professor Olin said the practice plan principles are under revision by Keith Dunder, general council, AHC. He anticipates they will be available for review by the committee in January.

line consideration of changing the committee meeting time to generate higher attendance. Nothing in the way of more favorable options. It was decided the committee would continue to meet at 4:30-6:00, the first and third Monday of each month.

Having no further business Professor Olin adjourned the meeting. Due to the holiday break, the next scheduled meeting is February 5, 2008, 4:30-6:00 pm.

Barbara Balick  
University Senate