

Senate Committee on Finance and Planning (SCFP)
October 13, 2020
Minutes of the Meeting

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[**In these minutes:** COVID-19 Impact on the Current Budget (FY21); President's Recommended FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Request; UMPD Update on Recent Crime Reports; Old Business: Continued from Special SCFP Meeting on September 29]

PRESENT: Frank Gigler (chair), Chris Allen, Lisa Babbs, Mike Berthelsen, Liz Davis, James Farnsworth, Bart Finzel, Myron Frans, Tony Fussy, Bob Goldstein, Jennifer Gunn, Tabitha Greier-Reed, Stephanie Heim, Linc Kallsen, Jill Merriam, Paul Olin, Jim Pankow, Scott Petty, Carl Rosen, Rod Squires, Julie Tonneson, Erik van Kuijk, Mike Volna

ABSENT: Laura Kalambokidis, Ben Yawakie

GUESTS: Chief Matt Clark, University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD)

OTHER: Megan Sweet

Chair Frank Gigler welcomed the committee and the members introduced themselves and welcomed Myron Frans.

1. COVID-19 Impact on the Current Budget (FY21)

Julie Tonneson, associate vice president, University Finance, presented slides titled [Updates on COVID-19 Impact on University Finances](#), which were also presented to the Board of Regents (BOR) on October 8, 2020 for information.

2. President's Recommended FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Request

Julie Tonneson, associate vice president, University Finance, presented slides titled [President's Recommended FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Request](#), which were also presented to the BOR on October 8, 2020.

Gigler asked Frans how he anticipated the governor would react to the budget request. Frans told members that he believed the request was responsible and that it allows the University to fulfill its mission, and also allows for a little growth. He cautioned that it is difficult to predict how the legislature would respond, in part because there are so many variables in the legislative process between now and May when the budget would be voted on. He said it will be key for the University to demonstrate why the institution needs the money to fulfill its mission, and how it will impact the state of Minnesota in the long term.

Tonneson also provided an update on enrollment numbers, explaining that enrollment dropped on every campus for the fall semester, except the Rochester campus, which grew. The enrollment numbers were reported as follows:

- Twin cities enrollment is 1.4% down.
- Crookston and Duluth enrollment is 5% down.
- Morris is roughly 10% down.

Tonneson said that international student enrollment is also down, which can greatly impact enrollment dollars in come colleges.

3. UMPD Update on Recent Crime Reports

Chief Matt Clark, University of Minnesota Police Department (UMPD) provided the following updates on campus safety:

- Crime in Minneapolis, including around the Twin Cities campus, is up exponentially.
 - From May 25, 2020 through September 2020, auto thefts are twice as high as in 2019.
 - From May 25, 2020 through September 2020, there were over 20 aggravated robbery reports, compared to two reports in 2019.
- In response to the increase in violence, UMPD has added five patrol officers to the evening hours, when the majority of robberies occur.
- Police officers are primarily patrolling the perimeter of campus, based on feedback that University community members feel generally safe on campus, but less safe a few blocks from campus.
- The extra patrolling is a logistical challenge for UMPD because the department is small, but officers have been asked to work overtime.
- UMPD has also added mobile cameras in locations where robberies have been reported. However, given the number of Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) mobile cameras that were destroyed during the city riots over the summer, and the 60K a piece price tag for the cameras, UMPD is hesitant to post too many mobile cameras around campus.
- UMPD has distributed flyers around Dinkytown and Stadium Village alerting the University community to the high crime rates. UMPD has also hosted talks at the Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative and the Como Student Community Cooperative to discuss navigating current safety issues.
- UMPD is concerned about the recent reduction in MPD officers, which has also led to less police presence around campus.

Clark told members that there are typically three officers on patrol duty on the Twin Cities campus.

4. Old Business: Continued from Special SCFP Meeting on September 29

For the final agenda item, Gigler asked for a motion to close the meeting to all but voting SCFP members. Members voted to approve, and all non-voting members were excused from the meeting.

Voting SCFP members voted to approve a letter to President Gabel addressing the recent hire and transition of the senior vice president for finance and operations.

With no further business, Gigler adjourned the meeting.

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