

# University Resources Commission

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Modular Building 108

**Attendees** William Spindle, Marissa Lyssy, Brandon Oliver, Dennis Elam, Deanna Reynolds, Nancy Larson, Pablo Calafiore, Brian Brantley, Joseph Simpson, Edwin Blanton, Chris Leach, Lloyd Butler, Denis Cano, Sharon Otholt, Brandy McLelland, Amy Tijerina, Nora Ortiz

**Absent** Mike O'Brien, Claire Nolasco, John Smith, Anthony Medina, Margie Vasquez, Jane Mims

## Summary

### I. Legislative Update

- a. Legislative Budget Board has submitted recommended House and Senate general appropriation bills for the upcoming biennium. Those recommendations are put together based on legislative appropriation requests submitted by state agencies and legislative feedback from constituents.
- b. Our legislative appropriation request matches what was requested in the previous biennium (slide 4).
- c. Two years ago the university was asked to adjust their numbers downward by 10%. This year's biennium request matches what was granted two years ago, with the hope that the university is not asked to adjust the request.
- d. Proposed Senate Appropriation Bill
  - i. Net increase is 6% increase
  - ii. Dr. Matson will asked the 10% non-formula funding is added back in.
  - iii. Senate did not automatically cut (tuition revenue bond) TRB funding
  - iv. New FTE numbers reflect our growth due to downward expansion
  - v. Reduces non-formula funding by 8% from 18-19 biennium.
  - vi. Leaves Hold Harmless to non-formula funding
    1. At the last biennium, A&M-SA was asked to reduce the budget more significantly. Hold Harmless funding was provided to shield from drastic cuts that would impact instruction and operations and mitigate cuts to not exceed 10%.
- e. Proposed House Appropriation Bill
  - i. Would give the university a 10% funding increase, which would bring the university back to the previous biennium funding level request.
  - ii. Leaves Non-formula funding unchanged from 18-19 biennium
  - iii. Moves Hold Harmless funding to non-formula funding.

### II. Preliminary Budget Calendar

- a. February 12<sup>th</sup>: 3 minute testimony from university presidents and chancellor to Senate Finance Committee to present our priority requests.
- III. Takeaways
- a. Both bills look very favorable compared to the first set of bills that came out at the start of the 18-19 biennium discussions.
  - b. Based on these bills, it does not seem likely that there will be drastic cuts in the budget
  - c. We requested \$53M and additional debt service funding, also appropriated from legislature.
  - d. The budget team is considering possibility scaling up the budget process with minor, incremental changes. The role of URC would remain unchanged.
- IV. Adjourn