



Integrated Budget Planning Council

Meeting Notes

October 22, 2024, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (virtual)

Reference [Meeting Agenda](#)

Attendees

Kurt Simonds (co-chair), Dina Farrell (co-chair), Rhyen Allan, Daniel Anderson, Ben Cushing, Frank Goulard, Jeff Grider, Julie Hasslock, Josh Hutchinson, Christine Kline, Alyson Kraus, Marin LaFleur, Vicky López Sánchez, Tony Obradovich, Rebecca Ocken, Brad Ortman, Caitlin Recor, Sarah Rose Evans, Corey Sippel, Dieterich Steinmetz,

Support: Marilyn Darrell, Tia Chiappe

Opening/Announcements

Review of [IBPC webpage](#)

- IBPC meeting schedule was reviewed as listed on the IBPC webpage; meetings are generally scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of the month with some meetings scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month due to holidays. No meeting is scheduled for November 2024 due to schedules and the holiday break.
- [September IBPC Minutes](#) were noted as available on the website

Agenda and Discussion Items

- **Strategic Planning Update - Themes**

Kurt Simonds shared the new [Strategic Planning webpage](#) with related themes and aspirational statements.

- **Government Affairs Update - Legislative Topics**

Alyson Kraus shared updates on legislative issues:

Presentation slides: [IBPC 10-22-2024](#)

- The Governor's requested budget is to be released on December 2, 2024.
- This is just our starting point. We will need to be there advocating to increase more funding and show how important it is.

- Budget framework is usually released in late February/early March and will give us a sense of where they are heading and what their priorities are going to be.
- If you have any questions, or would like to get involved please email Alyson Kraus.

ACTION ITEM: We will want legislative updates in the future as more information becomes available.

• **Summary of Early Feedback from the Fiscal Sustainability Forums**

Dina Farrell presented a [preliminary feedback summary](#) from the Fiscal Sustainability Forums held to date.

- Forums have been held at Rock Creek, Southeast, Cascade, and Sylvania campuses (as well as virtual). The Forum sessions have also been held with the All Managers and Confidential meeting, ASPCC students, FCE Executive Team, and more sessions will be held through the end of October including a meeting with FFAP.
- General themes that have been heard, include:
 - Transparent decision-making and communication
 - Student success and retention
 - Engagement with all campus stakeholders
 - Clear budgeting metrics and targets
 - Understanding the state funding and budget determinations
 - Sustainability and crisis planning
 - Equitable resource allocation and inclusion
 - Maximum operational efficiency while maintaining critical student support
 - Explaining the integration between strategic planning and the budget process
- Recommendations heard during our meeting with ASPCC students, include:
 - Re-evaluate staff salaries
 - Meaningful inclusion of student voices, input and shared governance opportunities, including budget decision-making, and having a sustainable budget for sustainable growth
 - Ensuring necessary and prioritized student resources services are not negatively impacted
 - Not passing costs off on to students, prevent raising food prices, and keep the pantry open
 - Re-evaluate or replace underutilized programs for programs that are more in demand
 - Evaluate preventative maintenance needs and deferred maintenance on buildings
- There were comments heard regarding space utilization and revenue opportunities that we might be able to take advantage of in terms of leased property or evaluating our space needs as a whole, in terms of program development, expanding community education programs, creating more revenue generating academic programs, introducing creative initiatives to attract students and partners.

- Focus on long-term planning for institutional effectiveness, budget adjustments, and identifying cost-cutting measures.
- There were many concerns raised about retaining staff, layoffs, salary costs at the college, and requests for detailed financial data filtered by pathway or program.

• Discussion

- In mid-November, the Fiscal Sustainability and Action Plan and FAQs will be released. We will continue to look for additional feedback as we go forward.
- We also have the strategic planning process that is moving forward, with opportunities during the month of November for the college community to give feedback and prioritize goals in order to identify what they think should be the highest priorities to emerge from our strategic planning process.
- The goal of the IBPC is to keep people up to date and to make the information accessible and engaging. The IBPC will become a forum for discussion, deliberation, and recommendations.
- The December 10 IBPC meeting will be a time to ask questions and to be working through assumptions, data, and scenarios.
- Our goal is to provide the IBPC members with information ahead of meetings so they can come prepared to give feedback, ask questions, and find consensus on recommendations if possible.
- By February we will need clarity on assumptions and priorities in order to write the biennium budget.
- Please send requested agenda items and we will try to incorporate your suggestions and recommendations in our next agenda. (See [form](#).)

Wrap Up

- A big thank you to everyone for their participation, time, energy, and commitment to being a part of this council.
- Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Key Actions or Recommendations:

- Add the following agenda items to the December 10 meeting:
 - How the group wants to operate in terms of reaching consensus around recommendations going forward
 - October meeting minute review
 - FAQs from the Fiscal Sustainability Forums
- Please submit any agenda items through this [form](#) for upcoming meetings
- Schedule legislative updates at future meetings as more information becomes available.