



PLANNING & BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 31, 2026

Time: 10:30AM, Mooney #203, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Voting Members	Title	Present?
Raaj Kurapati	Executive Vice Chancellor and COO	Yes
Dr. Ashley Harkrider	Dean - College of Health Professions	Yes
Dr. Cindy Russell	VC for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs	Yes
Dr. Jessica Snowden	VC for Research	Yes
Dr. Wendy Likes	Dean - Nursing	Yes
Dr. Mike Hocker	Executive Dean - Medicine	Yes
Dr. Reginald Frye	Dean - Pharmacy	Yes
Peggy Reisser	Staff Senate President	Yes
Dr. Ted Cory	Faculty Senate President	Yes
Dr. Ken Tilashalski	Dean - Dentistry	Yes
Dr. Charles Snyder	VC for Student Success	Yes
Dr. Karla Leeper	VC for Communications and Marketing	Yes
Non-Voting Members	Title	Present?
Michael Ebbs	AVC, Financial Strategy	Yes
George Ninan	AVC, Financial Operations	Yes
Melissa Moore	Associate General Counsel	No
Benjie Harmon	AVC Financial Planning and Budget	Yes

Approve Agenda & Minutes from Prior Meetings

- **AGENDA:** The agenda was reviewed by Mr. Raaj Kurapati. Mr. Kurapati called for a motion to accept, which was made by Dr. Karla Leeper and seconded by Dr. Wendy Likes.



- **MINUTES:** Minutes from the June 24, 2026 meeting were reviewed by Mr. Raaj Kurapati, and then he called for a motion to accept. The motion was made by Dr. Wendy Likes, followed by a second by Dr. Ashley Harkrider.

General Update - Raaj

- Mr. Kurapati gave a brief discussion about our current financial status as we are closing out fiscal year 2026. He stated that we have improved to approximately 99 days cash on hand, but still need to attain 180 days to ensure sufficient funds for both emergencies and the ability to build strategic investment funds.

Utilities Update – Action Item

- Raaj discussed the need to correct the utilities budget which had not been updated in several years to match our utilities budget with the actual cost we were experiencing. Raaj suggested increasing the utilities budget \$750,000. This was converted into an action item and the motion was made by Dr. Wendy Likes, seconded by Dr. Jessica Snowden. The motion passed unanimously.

Capital Update

- Raaj provided a brief update on capital needs and the ongoing work on the various elevators on campus.

Update on LMS, Slate and Navigate

- Dr. Russell provided a document with updated information on the status of LMS and Slate. Most Slate programs are now operational, although there have been some communication issues that are being addressed. Dr. Russell noted that the LMS review and process has slowed down some related to leadership changes in TLC and summer travel.



- Dr. Snyder provided an update on EAB Navigate utilization and some quick wins by identifying at-risk students and the ability to book appointments with learning specialists. Navigate is now being used by multiple colleges, and are providing effective results surrounding risk analysis.

Closing Statements

- There was no additional business. Being none, Raaj Kurapati adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:20AM