

Joint Planning & Budget Committee Agenda

1:15 p.m., September 24, 2025

In person, Student Union 2310 – Student Senate Chambers

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Recorder: Shonk

Alternate Recorder: Sudhakaran

Members Present: Achenreiner, Bearhart, Beeby, Brooks, Craig, Engen, Ericson, Figueroa, Galbraith, Grunwald, Klein, Kunkel, McAndrews, McCue, Morgan, Narcotta-Welp, Neupane, Newton, Pope, Richter, Schweiger, Shonk, Sudhakaran, Thomsen, Trnka, Weston, Wycoff-Horn, Yu, Ziegelman

Call to Order: 1:16pm

Agenda:

1. Introduction of New Committee Members (if any): name, role, and reason/interest for serving
 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. 9/10/2025
 - b. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
 3. Election of Chair
 - a. Chair (any member that served last year)
 - b. Lisa Weston nominated Troy Richter
 - i. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
 4. Executive Committee Elections
 - a. Membership: JPB Chair, 1 faculty, 1 dean, 1 academic staff, 1 university staff, 1 student
 - b. Faculty rep: Gwen Achenreiner
 - i. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
 - c. Dean rep: Karl Kunkel
 - i. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
 - d. Academic Staff (NIAS) rep: Andrew Ericson
 - i. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
 - e. University Staff rep: Bill Klein
 - i. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
 - f. Student rep: Cole McCue
 - i. Moved, seconded, approved (unanimous)
- Discuss Meeting Dates for 2025-26 Academic Year: Based on BOR meetings, the following dates would work: Fall: 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10 Discuss dates for the two major agenda items

- Strategic plan (Stacy Twite and Whitney George, Co-Chairs of Strategic Plan Executive Committee): Present strategic plan draft in more detail and gather feedback, share an update on the feedback, and ask for an initial endorsement of the pillars and goals
 - Initial endorsement of the pillars/goals: 10/1 (tentative)
 - Update as well on next steps for implementation (if needed): November
 - Official endorsement of the full plan: 12/10 (tentative)
- Budget 101

Plans were discussed to present the Strategic Plan to JPB on 1 October, and to have JPB endorse the Strategic Plan at the 10 December meeting. The date for Budget 101 will be finalized at a future meeting but will be tentatively held on 19 November, and presentations on the compensation plan will be tentatively held on 22 October.

The Committee discussed the proposed dates for Fall 2025, agreeing on the following schedule: 10/1, 10/22, 11/19, 12/10 (no vote taken)

- g. Spring: 2/11, 2/25, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6
 (3/4-6: BOR, 3/11: Research in Rotunda, and 3/18: Spring Break)
 Tabled for a future meeting.

5. Charge and Remarks by Chancellor Beeby

- a. JPB Committee's role and responsibilities. Familiarize new members with the work of JPB: Reference was made to the committee's bylaws
- b. **Special charge this year:** Chancellor Beeby discussed the charge letter for JPB, including the special charge related to feedback on and endorsement of the Strategic Plan; discussed the charge to the committee to provide feedback on the compensation plan.

6. **Chancellor's update:** Expressed sentiments regarding a good start to the academic year; will provide enrollment numbers in greater depth at the next meeting, but stated that the numbers are positive thus far; UWL's rankings were released and we have the highest public ranking in the region; Prairie Springs II was formally approved by the Regents last week, and we are awaiting the building plan; the chancellor met with political figures in Madison; Governor Evers visited campus last week and had a good meeting with the chancellor; Strategic Planning is going well, and over 500 people responded to the survey, and the feedback will be used in the revision process.

7. **Provost's update:** Several changes are upcoming related to ACT 15 including: pay plan for faculty/staff has gone through, and additional monies are available, but are contingent upon how campuses address workload (4/4) and exemptions for reassignment time and general education based on 36 credits/10-12 courses (UWL is currently at 42); revisions to the gen ed program must be completed by the end of this semester; market funds available for ranked faculty (pre/post-tenure) in 'high-demand' fields, with roughly \$1million funds potentially available. Regarding H1-B visas: the university does not

know for certain how new federal regulations will impact staff/faculty currently on H1-B visas. System will reach out to faculty regarding their status.

- a. Questions were raised regarding transferability and whether all campuses will be required to have the same number of courses per category. The provost said that there will be no variability in the number of courses. Another question was raised regarding student credit load vis-à-vis the required changes in the general education program. More work will need to be done regarding majors/minors and other programs. Question: could there be requirements for students that are not in the general education program for majors/minors and core programs that will need to add requirements to reach the 120-credit minimum for graduation. Courses could be added as a college requirement—but must be justified as working toward completing the mission of the college.
8. **CFO's update:** Currently running numbers on market plan and comprehension plans, but the they are not yet available; 10 day numbers and their impact on the budget is an ongoing process and will assist in the process of understanding the full budget; overall, things look positive—strong enrollment numbers and monies available from the State. Updates on campus construction—Main, Murphy—are nearing completion.
 - a. A question was raised was asked whether the university could hypothetically elp with costs related to H1-B visas. The CFO said that that would be unlikely, but things are still fluid on the matter.
9. **Announcement:** Troy Richter shared event details for the Kid's Oktoberfest parade to be held at 8:45am on 25 September.
10. **Adjournment:** 2:00