1) Approval of Minutes of 11.13.15 meeting
Moved and seconded, approved.

2) Approval of Agenda
Moved and seconded, approved.

3) Selection of Scribe for Minutes
Marnie Dresser will take minutes again because it helps her focus on the meeting.

4) New Business

   a) Policy Revision Plan Draft-- Information from Chair Hankenson & discussion:
Holly Hassel would like us to have a brief discussion at the start of our meeting, particularly to explore interest/willingness of our current committee members to be on the policy working group over the summer. It requires a faculty senator (for the policies/bylaws group) and a willingness to serve as senator for the 16-17 academic year and also on the standing committee next year.

Discussion:
The work proposed seems to be a mix of two things:
   • the potentially tedious—a great deal of “find and replace” policy revision.
   • the certainly nebulous and meaty—who does what? What is the role of shared governance in regionalization?
The big question: is there someone from this group who will be a senator next year, on this committee, who is willing to serve?

One member will potentially serve; one might if it weren't in the summer.
b) Status update of the reorganization implementation related to the budget reductions—Colleen Godfriaux

Presentation from Colleen:

Reminder that we received official word of the cuts after they were already in effect (after July 1, 2015).

Slides from the Steve-and-Greg show:

0215-17 Budget

- 5.0 million dollar base budget cut

- 5.6 million dollar reallocation (-.6 faculty compensation)

Slide show w/ summary of various cuts, Round 1

Some questions from committee members about function of Solution Center vs. CASE.

The slide show doesn't include Advising under Solution Center, but that is part of it.

Concern expressed by committee members about crunch times in Solution Center (two weeks before semester begins, two weeks after).

One possibility suggested that faculty advisors could fill in some of that gap. Discussion about various possibilities for ways faculty could help with advising. Some expressed concern about appropriateness of new gaps that happened because of budget cuts being approached with the attitude of “well, faculty can do that.”

From Colleen Godfriaux, also on slide show, Round 2 Decisions.

Questions:
Has BAAS cost-recovery gone into effect yet? No.
Have decisions been made about how regional budgets will be? No.

UW Colleges have to have annual budget presented to UW System in April---for the purposes of building the Red Book budget, all campuses 103R budgets are frozen (they're being used as placeholders—same as FY 16 for now—but it will likely change as the academic year starts).
Question from Committee members: What does that mean? It seems deceptive. If we think the money won't be allocated to campuses as they were in FY 16, then where will it go? Likely it will become part of a regional budget or a centralized budget.

Answer from Colleen Godfriaux: Total 103 for the institution is not changing.

More Presentation on Revenue Shortfall for the UW Colleges:

CG: As an institution, we receive a certain amount of tax support. Then we anticipate how much revenue we require. Those two things together are what we budget for 103/GPR—it's a mix of tuition & tax support.

IEM became what we called Operating Model. As an institution we assigned revenue requirements for each campus.

Chart showing FY 16 Revenue Estimate & FY 16 Revenue Projection

Trajectory is in the wrong direction looking at FY 17 & FY 18.

This chart doesn't show context—doesn't show how campuses are spending based on increases or cutting based on losses. It also doesn't include UW Online revenue.

CG: Leadership teams are working together along with Central Office staff.

Comment from committee member: how do you fix that? General discussion--bring more students to campus or offer fewer sections, but that's not a long-term solution.

Each campus is looking at enrollment.

Question from committee member: some positions will be held vacant, and because of regionalized changes, some positions are hard to fill, so that may offset better than usual. Work for adult students, international students, residence halls.

CG: In terms of enrollment going down, we have not gone down as much as comprehensives.
Question from committee member: Are we looking at fundraising through alumni?
CG: our current software is going to allow us to do that in ways we have not been able to before.

Another chart from Colleen: PR balances:

Subtotal Unrestricted is the total PR balance (but we can’t spend it all because that number includes seg fees—so really, you have to subtract fees & auxiliary enterprises)

Subtotal Unrestricted – (128) is the spendable reserve.

Discussion: outlook for revenue, strategies for using fund balances.

c) Discussion of divisor issue was postponed until next meeting.
d) Meeting was adjourned.