I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President and Chair, Terry Leist.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

III. Information/Announcements/Updates

President Cruzado spoke to the Budget Council and thanked them for their hard work. She recommended keeping the strategic plan as the “north star” as the Council continues their work.

IV. Current Business

Strategic Investment Proposals: Considerable discussion followed on the ratings and selection of proposals for public hearings. Chair Terry Leist suggested the Council consider whether any proposals were rated high enough to fund without requiring participation in the public hearings.

Terry: we have $1M in base and $1M in OTO funds set aside to be used but it may not be prudent to allocate all of it right now. The ranked list will be provided to the President for her funding decisions. The list is likely to be used throughout the year as funds become available.

Public hearings are scheduled for Thursday, January 24, and Friday, January 25. It was recommended that the strength and weakness comments from the reviewers be shared with the requestors prior to the hearings. It was agreed to do so. No visual aids will be allowed and it will be requested that the presentation be verbal exchange only. The Budget Office will notify all requestors of the status of their proposals and will schedule the public hearings.

The meeting was adjourned.