**Budget Council Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

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| Terry Leist | Tricia Cook | Nancy Cornwell |
| Chris Fastnow | Doralyn Rossmann | Martha Potvin |
| Steve Luft |  | *Guests:*  *Kathy Attebury, Megan Bergstedt, Heidi Gagnon, Wendy Stock* |

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Leist.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting were approved.

**III.**  **Information/Announcements/Updates**

FY12 SIP Assessments:

* Presentation by Wendy Stock, Department of Agricultural Economics & Economics

Wendy Stock presented her assessment on ECNS 101/ECNS 202 courses which received funding from the FY12 Strategic Investment Proposal process. She shared data that about 25% of the students in these courses receive either D/F/W in the course. The department started a peer leadership course to address this-ECNS105/ECNS 206 - 1 semester credit with voluntary enrollment and includes peer-led group problem solving & discussion. The objective of this course is to train peer leaders. These leaders will conduct help sessions to teach students how to be a more active and successful students.

A second course is Econ 305 Peer Leadership in Economics. The peer leaders take this course, read & report on research on economics pedagogy and write problem sets for the 105/206 classes.

1. **Current Business**

FY16 Budget

Terry presented to the Council an update on the FY16 Budget. The legislative session adjourned today. Despite the bonding bill (HB416) not passing, the University fared well at the end of the session. A modest pay plan, present law adjustment, O&M funding for new space and benefit increases were included in the University's budget allocation.