The Budget Committee discussed the enhancements list from last year. Some items were already purchased. Russ asked for any additional priorities. He will also look at submitted budgets for OTO purchases that could be pre-purchased and will create a list of those as well. Current legislative discussion is to cut $25 million out of the state budget. Russ discussed the long range building plan and a possible bonding bill request; however, no bonding bill has been introduced yet. Indications that MUS will not be held harmless. Therefore, anticipating less money in the next biennium than the current. There have been discussions about tuition increase; however, it would have to be very large increase to really do much for HC budgets.

Russ currently estimates HC is about $600k over budget. Looking at fee pots and what can be rolled over. HC budgets a 2% reserve every year in case enrollment is less than projected. The last two years, HC has exceeded revenue projections, and have not needed the reserve. Was carried over from last year to this year, so in essence have 4% that is unexpended. Has also been some vacancy savings.

Fee pots will be determined based on fees collected this year to allow for fee adjustments. Unsure what tuition increase will look like. Could justify a request of 6% (state average) or 25% (national average).

Next meeting
- Will start and looking at what and where to cut at the next meeting.