

BUDGET COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026
DON LECTURE HALL MEETING

Table 1: Budget Council Members

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| • ☒ Cari Schwen , Exec. Director of Fiscal Services (CHAIR) | • ☒ Robyn Kiesling , Exec. Dir. Gen Ed & Transfer |
| • ☒ Sandra Bauman , Dean/CEO | • ☐ Tod Dumas , Aviation Instructor |
| • ☒ Jessie Pate , Director of IR & Effectiveness | • ☐ Amy Kong , Director of eLearning |
| • ☒ Jason Grimmis , Director of Crisis & Emerg. Resp | • ☒ Patricia Pierson , Librarian |
| • ☒ Robyn Kiesling , Exec. Dir. of Gen Ed/Transfer | • ☒ Paige Payne , Executive Assistant (recorder) |

BC Mission: *The Budget Council utilizes broad stakeholder representation to carry out responsible and realistic budget planning that aligns with the strategic goals of our campus and the Montana University System. We strive to foster a culture of financial integrity and collaborative governance, ultimately contributing to the sustained growth and success of our institution.*

Helena College Mission: *Helena College supports our diverse community by providing the paths and tools necessary to assist learners in achieving their educational and career goals.*

Mastermind Discussion

The Budget Council reviewed the FY27 budget load and potential carry forward options.

- If there are any carry forward funds to help offset our deficit, we will look at which operating expenses can be reinstated into CUR budgets.
- We will not be looking at adding new expenses.
- Currently the carry forward amount is \$42,769. It may increase depending on actuals for payroll and operating.

After a short discussion the following decisions were made and approved:

Action:

Robyn Kiesling moved to reallocate funds as follows: \$10,000 to the Professional Development Fund; \$30,000 to the Central Cost Pool (H01025) for future use; and, if carryforward funds exceed \$40,000, up to \$10,000 to the Scholarship Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Trish Pierson and approved unanimously.

Note: This was the last meeting until August. Robyn Kiesling and Amy Kong will rotate off the BC. Stephanie Hunthausen, Anna Spoja, Michaela Parker, and Sarah Dellwo will fill the spots in August.