

# A L V S C E E x e c u t i v e C o u n c i l

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1.00p.m. – 4:00p.m., Forbes 306

## 1:00p.m.-Agricultural and Resource Economics unit review

### 1. Employee/Unit Issues

- a. Pre-review discussion Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences and Agricultural Education, Technology & Innovation-- all 20 min

### 2. Budget, finance, business

- a. From provost: —Shane 5 min *“RCM reserves no longer must be maintained. A college simply must not spend into deficit. And must maximize the return on the funds under their direction. Change from a reserve floor to a balance ceiling.”*
- b. FYI: New RCM-reserve amounts due to costs hitting after Oct—Janis 5 min
- c. \$11M in unit all funds -- Jeffrey 10 min
- d. Consequences of having a *fully functional* UA all-funds revenue and expenditures system—Janis and Jeffrey 15 min

### 3. Mission areas

- a. Teaching messages from provost: —Shane 10min- *“Imperative that we are confident that we are not teaching at a loss on really ANY class”*

- i. Min class sizes: Janis’ and Mike’s teams to set for next FY: Provost: *“makes sense for each dept to have different mins, based on different pay scales by discipline”.*

*At UB “Below that enrollment, the classes were to be cancelled OR the instructor was allowed to still hold it, but it wouldn’t count towards their teaching work load... done at the level of the average cost for faculty by dept, with the assumption that all teaching was being performed by a T/TE faculty member. Here we have the added complexity with space costs needing to be cooked in” (there are other costs at UA too).*

- ii. Simplify curriculum by program Mike’s team to set for next FY: a. *Review curriculum by program to ensure that it is not overly constrained (Greg Heileman’s complexity analysis) and b. that it ‘guides’ the students towards relatively predictable pathways with rather even workloads from semester to semester. The more predicable the student pathways are, the better the department can manage workload in cost-effective ways.”*

- iii. Tuition waivers for MS by coursework to stop effective immediately.

### 4. Capital assets

5. Other Business