Members Present: Joseph Velasco (Chair), Louis Harveson, Kris Jorgenson, Kathy Stein, and Jim Case.

I. Comments and Call to Order. After establishing a quorum, Joseph Velasco convened the meeting at 9:13 a.m. Velasco reviewed the state of the committee.

II. Election of Chair. Velasco called for nominations for Chair of the Budget Oversight Council. Velasco was elected Council chair. [motion by Stein; second by Harveson].

III. New Business

A. Discussion of the responsibilities of the Budget Oversight Council. The Council membership considered:
   i. University budget policies, procedures, and practices with special emphasis on the academic budget.
   ii. Budget allocations made by the University budget making process.
   iii. Review of budgetary processes appropriate to the work of the Council to include:
       1. Academic salary structure and system
       2. Prioritization of capital equipment requests
       3. Fiscal priorities and major budget categories for the expenditure of the University budget
       4. Establishment and control of accounts
       5. Proposed personnel additions or deletions relating to academic programs.

B. Review past activity of the Council. The Council members discussed challenges faced by the Council in carrying out the Council’s charge from the Faculty Assembly.
C. Identify areas of interest and concern that the Council could address during the 2021-2022 academic year. The Council members identified Higher Education Funds (HEF), Council membership and representation from the Middle Rio Grande instructional sites, and the need for more data on salaries as priority areas for the 2021-2022 work of the Council.

IV. Old Business. None.

V. Scheduling of Next Meeting. No meeting was scheduled.

VI. Adjournment. Velasco adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m.

As recorded by:      Dr. Jim Case      Date: 11/10/2021