President’s Session – President Mun Choi

President Choi heard updates and concerns from each university and shared updates on university initiatives and priorities. Topics included but were not limited to student enrollment, FY25 higher education funding, affirmative action, annual open enrollment for employee benefits, funding of library resources and journal subscriptions, and implications of the latest U.S News and World Report rankings.

Emergency and Disaster Preparedness – Mark Diedrich, Director of Emergency Management

Director Diedrich informed the group of current initiatives to develop Basic Emergency Operation Plans. He also discussed Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP), Mitigation and Recovery Plans, and training opportunities offered by Emergency Management. The group discussed ways to expand the reach of the training opportunities.

Library Resources and Journal Subscriptions – Shannon Jackson, IFC Chair

Chair Jackson continued the discussion of faculty concerns related to ensuring access to journal subscriptions and promoting collaboration across UM System libraries. The group will receive further updates on this topic at the next IFC meeting.

Shared Governance Report – Anthony Shiu and Pamela Stuerke, IFC Members

Professors Stuerke and Shiu provided an update on the progress of the white paper. The sub-committee intends to provide a draft of the full report at the next IFC meeting.

Reflections and Wrap Up

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting. The Cabinet’s next meeting will be on November 8.