

Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee

2016-2017 Annual Report

Date: June 14, 2017
To: Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Robert Mason, President
From: Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee
Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Chair
Re: 2016-17 Annual Report

The Budgets & Fiscal Planning (B&FP) Committee for 2016-17 consisted of:

Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Chair '18	Civil & Construction Engineering
Michelle Kutzler '17	Animal & Rangeland Sciences
Seunghae Lee '17	Design & Human Environment
Walt Loveland '18	Chemistry
Dave Feeney '19	College of Business
Denise Lach '19	College of Liberal Arts

Student Members:

- TBA (grad)
- TBA (undergrad)

Ex-Officio Member: Budgets & Fiscal Planning – Sherm Bloomer

*Budgets & Fiscal Planning Representation (appointed annually):
Online Education Committee – Walt Loveland (Ex-Officio, Non-voting)*

Executive Committee Liaison – Jeff Sherman

As chair, Hunter-Zaworski was an ex-officio member of the University Budget Committee (UBC). In addition, Denise Lach was also a member of the UBC. Both Drs. Hunter-Zaworski and Lach participated in a UBC subcommittee reviewing ways to address the budget gaps that resulted from the tuition increase scenarios. Hunter-Zaworski also served on the Academic Programs Committee (facilitated by Academic Programs, Assessment and Accreditation staff) that provided preliminary review of Category I proposals and feedback to the authors prior to formally submitting their proposals for Faculty Senate review. No face-to-face meetings of the Academic Programs Committee were conducted during 2016-2017.

Much of the this year's committee activity was spent in developing new budget forms and budget justifications for Category I proposals that reflect the new governance structure of the OSU and are more streamlined for Category 1 preparers.

1. UNIVERSITY TUITION INCREASE PROPOSALS. Sherm Bloomer, ex-officio member of the B&FP Committee and the OSU Director of Budgets and Fiscal Planning, provided the committee with information on the proposed tuition increase scenarios. There were several opportunities for the BFP Committee members to provide direct input into the proposal. The B&FP Committee listened to the presentation provided by Director Bloomer and provided input and comments.

2. CATEGORY I PROPOSALS. The committee reviewed and recommended the following Category I proposals for the 2016-2017 Academic Year:

- Renaming of the Academic program of Integrative Biology
- Masters of Adapted Physical Education (MAPE)
- New Degree on MS/MS In Communication which was subsequently cancelled
- Renaming of BS in Design and Innovation

- New Program BS in Public Policy

3. NEW BUDGET FORMS

The committee developed new forms for Category I proposal budgets that reflect the changes in OSU governance and also request budget clarification in additional categories, such as facility renovation, if applicable.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Face-to-face meetings of the Academic Programs Committee should be held for every Cat I proposal. Every proposal that has not had one of these meetings has run into difficulties.

Additional input from a committee member:

"What I would like to see in the future is a greater availability of the base fiscal data of the University to interested faculty, presumably through websites, etc.

What are the current budgets of each college, and department?

What are the budgetary changes that impact faculty such as the plan next year to run Ecampus revenues outside the budget model – which might change some faculty plans about course development.

{Oregon is a Sunshine State and it seems important these data be available to interested faculty—much in the same manner as the Faculty Economic Welfare committee appraises people of retirement and PERS issues, salary compression, etc.}"