

REPORT OF  
FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FACULTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

A. General Purpose

The purpose of the FBC is to serve as the body elected by the faculty and recognized by the administration for participation in University governance over the financial resources for academic programs.

B. Objectives of the FBC include:

- 1) to gain increased awareness of forces and factors which shape budget policy and the resulting fiscal decisions taken by officers of the University;
- 2) to provide accessible channels of communication between University administrators and faculty on budget matters which affect faculty ability to develop optimal academic programs at the University of South Carolina;
- 3) to bring faculty perspectives and consultation into administrative budget discussions;
- 4) to influence fiscal decisions that have an impact on academic programs.

C. Duties of the Committee include:

- 1) Directing attention to comprehensive academic budget planning through a participative role in:
  - a) establishing long term academic program priorities consistent with informed estimates of financial resources;
  - b) decisions on annual allocation of revenues available to academic programs;
  - c) responding, if necessitated by unanticipated and/or urgent events occurring within an established budget cycle, to conditions that infringe on the fiscal stability of academic programs and/or the status of faculty members.
- 2) Developing an agenda to accomplish current and emerging goals pertinent to fiscal decisions on academic programs.
- 3) Establishing conjointly with officers of the University an annual calendar of activities for collaborative work on short and near term (i.e., one and two years) and long term planning. The following are examples of calendar items which call for committee involvement:
  - a) setting of priorities for use of anticipated financial resources (i.e., construction of academic budget proposals);
  - b) allocation from the total resources available to the University that segment of revenues which potentially may be dedicated to academic programs;
  - c) allocation of resources made available to the academic program sector in support of competing priorities.

4) Expediting the channeling of academic budget information from the University administration to constituted faculty bodies, such as Faculty Welfare and Academic Planning Committees, which will assist those groups in carrying out their mandated responsibilities in an informed and timely manner.

5) Reporting to the faculty in the following manner:

The Chair of the FBC will provide a semi-annual report to the Faculty Senate outlining the tasks undertaken and in progress relevant to its agenda for accomplishing the objectives of the committee.

D. Membership and Selection of Chair

1) The Faculty Budget Committee will consist of:

- a) all members of the Faculty Advisory Committee;
- b) a representative from the Faculty Welfare Committee\*;
- c) a representative from the Academic Planning Committee\*;
- d) the Chair-elect of the Faculty Senate alternating with the Past Chair of the Faculty Senate;
- e) the Provost of the University, ex officio.

2) The committee will at the last meeting in the academic year elect from its members a chair to serve for a one year term.

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\* Elected at the penultimate meeting in the academic year by members of the committee *x elected prior to the final meeting.*