

**FACULTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
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The Faculty Senate Budget Committee spent the 2007—08 academic year both learning more about the University's budget process and working to define more accurate ways to for the committee to participate meaningfully in that process.

Thanks to a presentation by Leslie Brunelli and ongoing information provided by Ted Moore (an ex officio member of the committee) we were given a detailed overview of the budget and how patterns of both income and expenditure are monitored and analyzed.

The other major work of the committee followed the realization that the committee's charge as defined in the Faculty Manual is not longer accurate. That charge reads as follows:

This committee serves as a liaison between the University Administration and the University Faculty (through the Faculty Senate) on matters pertaining to the University budget, advocates the faculty perspective on matters of budget and budgetary policy, and provides a venue for discussing faculty questions and concerns about the University budget and budgeting process. To accomplish its purpose, the Faculty Budget Committee shall have formal representation on, and input to University budget policy. The Chair of the Faculty Budget Committee and the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall serve as voting members on the University-level budget policy committee.

The problem with this language is that the University-level budget policy committee referred to in the final sentence no longer exists.

Conversations within the committee and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and with University administrators lead to the identification of two venues in which faculty through the Faculty Budget Committee can provide input into the budget process:

- The President's Budget Hearings (usually held in April and May)
- The newly formed University Finance Committee

The exact ways that Faculty Budget committee members will participate in these will be defined and written into a revised statement on the committee's responsibilities through the sub-committee on Special Issues currently working to revise the Faculty Manual. The goal is to insure greater participation by all elected members of the Budget Committee in order to provide both continuity and more informed participation by committee members in the University's budget process.

Respectfully Submitted,
William E. Rivers, Chair
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