

Procedural Guidelines for the Academic Senate Budget and Long Range Planning Committee

Responsibilities

The Constitution of the Faculty states, "joint decision making and consultation between the administration and the General Faculty have been recognized by the legislature of the State of California as the long accepted manner of governing institutions of higher learning and are essential to the educational missions of such institutions. [T]he Academic Senate is empowered to exercise all legislative and advisory powers on behalf of the General Faculty. Advisory powers shall include, but not be limited to consultation on budget policy, administrative appointments, determination of campus administrative policy, University organization, and facilities use and planning."

The Budget and Long Range Planning Committee (hereafter BLRP) shall review and make recommendations concerning policy for the allocation of budgeted resources and long range planning decisions. BLRP shall have representation on bodies formed to review the mechanisms by which campuswide resource allocations are made. BLRP shall work cooperatively and in consultation with administrative departments, units, representatives, and staff members. Budget and long range planning tasks assigned to specific, standing committees of the Academic Senate fall within the purview of BLRP. BLRP shall continuously develop and maintain definitions of budget transparency and faculty consultation on budget and long range planning issues.

Business items may be given to BLRP by the Academic Senate, Executive Committee, and/or the Senate Chair. BLRP may send to the Executive Committee a recommendation in the form of a draft resolution in order that it be placed on the Academic Senate's agenda. BLRP's recommendations shall not be considered policy statements until formally approved by the Senate and/or Executive Committee.

Membership

Shall include one voting General Faculty representatives from each college and PCS. Ex officio members shall be an ASI representative, Vice Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, and Vice President for Administration & Finance or designee.

Organization

BLRP shall organize the committee members into two working groups: Long-Range Planning and Budget. The Long-Range Planning working group will be responsible for completing the long-range planning charges given to BLRP by the Executive Committee and representing BLRP outside the committee as needed. The Budget working group will be responsible for completing the budget charges given to BLRP by the Executive Committee and representing BLRP outside the committee as needed. In general, the two units will meet and work as a team with the option to act as subcommittees on an as needed basis.

Responsibilities of the Chair

The BLRP Chair (hereafter the Chair) is responsible for scheduling meetings, setting an agenda, and conducting all meetings. After each meeting, the Chair will provide meeting minutes, including votes taken by BLRP on business items. At the end of each quarter, the Chair will submit a report to the Senate Office including a summary of the BLRP's work and accomplishments. At the end of each academic year, the Chair will conduct an annual review of BLRP's work and accomplishments, and provide an evaluation on how they fit within BLRP's responsibilities.

Meetings

BLRP shall meet at least one per quarter. Meetings shall be scheduled during normal work hours, during the third, sixth, and ninth Friday of each quarter. Notification of meetings shall be sent at least five working days before the meeting date. A quorum is required to conduct business. A simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting. A vote by the majority of the voting members attending a meeting constitutes the recommendation of BLRP. Voting shall take place by a show of hands unless one attending member requests a secret ballot. Electronic meetings may be conducted as described in AS-721-10.

Reporting

All BLRP deliverables must be voted on and approved by the BLRP voting members before dissemination. Minority opinions may be submitted to the Academic Senate for consideration. All meeting minutes, reports, and minority opinions will be made available to the General Faculty by way of the Academic Senate.

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