

University Senate Budget Committee (SBC)
Final report to University Senate 2018-2019
This report reflects activities of the Senate Budget Committee in 2018-2019 AY

Charge and Responsibilities of Senate Budget Committee:

Defined by UO Senate Bylaws:

5.4 The SBC shall consist of eight members from the Senate constituencies, serving staggered three-year terms. At least six shall be tenured faculty members. Four members, one of whom may be from any Senate constituency, shall be appointed by the Senate President after consultation with the Senate Executive Committee. Four members shall be elected by the Senate from among its regular voting members, three of whom should be tenured faculty members. Members may be re-appointed or re-elected without term limits. Appointments, nominations and elections may be done electronically and shall ensure that new SBC members are in place at least two weeks before the Fall term starts, and that the composition of the SBC meets the above requirements. New appointments or elections shall occur if a position becomes vacant. The Senate President shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Senate Budget Committee during his/her term of office. The University President and Provost shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the committee and each may designate administration members to accompany and/or represent them. The University President and members of the Administration shall keep the committee informed of actions impacting the University's budget by the Governor, the Legislature, The University of Oregon's governing board and the UO Foundation and other organizations and individuals. The Senate Budget Committee shall choose its own chair from its membership. One Senate member shall be chosen by the SBC to serve as Senate Liaison, charged with keeping the Senate regularly informed about SBC meetings and agendas, and presenting a written report to the Senate annually. The Committee may establish working sub-committees.

Senate motion US13/14-14 states that the Senate expects that the University administration shall ensure that all Administrative Advisory Groups or similar bodies appointed to advise the administration on budgetary policy and long-term financial strategies include at least one elected member of the SBC.

Membership:

Membership: Jayanth Banavar; Robin Clement; Jane Cramer; Ali Emami (Chair); Bill Harbaugh; Michael Kellman; Laura Leete; Michael Schill; Ryan Wilson.

1. Introduction

The SBC serves dual roles. First, we have agreed that we are available to be helpful to the UO Administration and will respect the requests of the administration to maintain

confidentiality of the information provided to us in our committee role. We also agreed that our participation in that process should be conveyed to the UO Community in a manner consistent with this role.

In our second role, we serve ready to fulfill our charge from the Senate to help provide a better understanding of important financial issues that affect the university. This role will have a continuing reporting/educational component and a special projects component.

2. SBC activities in 2018-2019 Academic Year included the followings:

A. November Meeting:

- I. Reviewed and finalized the SBC's Annual Report for FY 2017-2018
- II. Elected a Chair
- III. Discussed Possible Items Next meeting's Agenda:
 - Posting and updating faculty salary comparisons:
https://ir.uoregon.edu/salary_comparison
 - Generating time series operational expenditure for administrative activities comparable to departments' data.
 - Economics of on-line classes.
 - Benefits of going green, by conserving energy to save money and be environmentally responsible.

B. January Meeting:

- I. Discussion on faculty pay: JP Monroe, the university IR director, guided us in analyzing the AAUDE data relative to our comparator institutions.
- II. Jamie Moffitt and Brad Shelton discussed:
 - 2019 Budget prospects
 - 2018 summer enrollment and revenues compared to 2017
 - Prospects for 2019 tuitions and fees

C. February Meeting:

Participants were SBC members only and no guest was present. This meeting gave us the opportunity to discuss our plans for next meeting with JP, Brad and Jamie about data on new salary comparisons, and Academics Analytics research productivity comparisons.

D. March Meeting:

- I. Jamie Moffitt provided FY18 PERS rate increase calculations to SBC.

- II. JP Monroe provided Financial and Productivity data and methodology which was shared with SBC members.

Currently a subcommittee is refining and analyzing 2018 salary and expenditure data for the University by schools, colleges, departments, administrations, and teaching faculties. An important output of this study would be the distributional aspects of incomes and expenditure across units on campus in terms of different economic and financial criterion. Completion of this work requires cooperation from the University's Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration for providing accurate data on individual salaries and itemized expenditures by unites.

The current data provided to SBC needs corrections and revisions. Request for specific corrections are being shared with the office of Vice president for Finance for data revisions.

We thank Jamie Moffitt, Brad Shelton and JP Monroe for their hard work and participation that allows the SBC to function. Thanks also to Bill Harbaugh, outgoing Senate President, for his work with the SBC.