Report of the Faculty Senate Budget Review Committee

Academic Year 2013-2014

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During this academic year, the principal work of the Committee involved coordination with CFO Ken Kaiser, his staff and other senior administrators in connection with the new budgeting system that is being implemented by the University. We met numerous times with Ken Kaiser and his staff, and those meetings gave us a good working knowledge of the principles and processes of the new budgeting systems.

As a result of our meetings, we were able to identify a potential issue with the new budgeting system. We recommended a solution to this problem through a resolution which was transmitted to the FSSC for its consideration. This resolution was adopted by the FSSC and transmitted to the President. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The new budgeting system includes a process in which two faculty members participate in the budget conferences held between the Provost, CFO and the colleges and administrative revenue centers. The first such conferences took place this year, and two members of the Committee participated as faculty representatives in 12-14 of these budget conferences.

We also met several times with CFO Ken Kaiser and his staff to discuss next year’s university budget.

Lastly, we also met with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and another faculty group during the spring semester to analyze, explain and discuss the new university budgeting system.

Respectfully submitted.

Rafael A. Porrata-Doria, Jr., Chair
BUDGET RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate Budget Review Committee recommends to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee approve and transmit to President Theobald and urge him to endorse the following practices for budget advisory committees of the schools and colleges:

The School/College Budget Advisory Committee, at least some of whose members should be elected, should receive full and detailed information about the School/College budget and should meet regularly with the Dean and other responsible members of the administration to address budgetary matters. Matters within the committee’s purview should include, but not be limited to, tuition revenue; other program-based sources of revenue; external funding; expenditures for scholarships, assistantships, and other forms of student financial support; expenditures for various academic departments and programs; expenditures for student services; library and technology expenses; other administrative expenses; capital expenses; investments in new programs; the impact of the university budget system on School/College finance; financial trends affecting the financial well-being of the School/College, and capacity of the School/College’s financial team to support short and long term fiscal planning. The committee should report regularly to the School/College Collegial Assembly regarding financial issues affecting the School/College.