



Faculty Council Budget Committee Annual Report

AY 2019 - 2020

Committee Charge: (as listed in Faculty Council Bylaws). The Budget Committee considers matters concerning the allocation of university resources, including:

1. reviewing the budget requests with representatives of the system administration prior to their submission to the Board of Regents and reporting the committee's concurrence or non-concurrence with the budget request to Faculty Council;
2. evaluating the management of the university's resources, which shall be included in the committee's annual report to Faculty Council;
3. management of the university's resources, which shall be included in the committee's annual report to Faculty Council;
4. acting as the advisory body to Faculty Council on matters of the budget.

Brief description of the committee's activities for the AY:

We are not a committee that frequently has "activities", per say. Our foci for the year are described below.

Brief description of committee meetings: (how many meetings were held, membership)

We met 7 times between October and May, each for two hours. In addition, we have already met once during June, and we are meeting again on June 21. A July meeting is highly likely as well. Our membership is as follows:

Diana White, Chair	CU Denver, Mathematical and Statistical Sciences
Rhonda Glazier, Vice Chair	CU Colorado Springs, Kraemer Family Library
Vicki Grove, Secretary	CU Boulder, Germanic & Slavic Languages & Literature



David Port	CU Anschutz, Medicine
Laura Argys	CU Denver, Economics
Carol Dee	CU Denver, Business
David Paradis	CU Boulder, History
Michael Stutzer	CU Boulder, Business
Monique French	CU Colorado Springs, Business
Chad Marturano	CU System, Assistant Vice President, Budget and Finance*

Note that we are down to one member from CU Anschutz, and that member frequently has conflicts that preclude part or all of his attendance.

Discussion of major activities/initiatives of the committee: (note – discussions can be found in the minutes on the committee’s website. Minutes are intended to reflect discussions, identify action items and document completion of tasks).

We had 4 main foci for the year:

1. Stay abreast of state- and system-level budget happenings.
2. Increase committee members’ knowledge of budgeting processes as pertain to the CU System.
3. Learning about Divestment.
4. Beginning to work with Dr. Allen on DEI.

We made progress on all four of these, and all four will continue next year. Our efforts toward (3) and (4) were upended by COVID, as our foci in the spring shifted almost entirely to (1).



A major challenge that we face involves our role as consultants versus information-receivers from administration. We requested multiple times to adhere to item (1) of our charge, involving reviewing the budget before it goes to the Regent's. Each time we were assured that this would happen, but to date we have not been informed, much less consulted, before any submissions to the Board of Regent's. We requested through multiple forums (email, webform, through chair of faculty assembly) representation on the Strategic Planning Subgroup that is most closely aligned with this committee, but our request went unanswered by System Administration. We did not even receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Similarly, we requested representation on the Finance Working Group of the Online Accelerator Committee, but that request was also declined.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

- What specific DEI efforts have been completed/are underway?

The committee has committed to working with Dr. Brenda J. Allen throughout the fall, and hopefully entirety, of AY 2020-2021. In addition, Dr. White has taken three academic courses over the past year that will assist with this work – one on higher education budgeting and strategic resource allocation, one on power and privilege, and one on managing diversity. This has increased her personal knowledge related to DEI immensely.

- What DEI efforts are you definitely planning to do next year?

We hope to both learn more about DEI at an individual level, to take with us and inform our work in all settings, as well as to investigate how we can attend to DEI better as a committee. In particular, we have been in need of revising the charge of the committee for several years. We plan to do that, while ensuring DEI is intentionally considered throughout that process, both in the process itself, as well as in the final product.

- What DEI efforts you would like to do next year (aspirational)?

We would like to have opportunities for our committee chair to meet with other committee chairs to discuss and learn from their efforts, in particular with regard to how committees ensure that DEI is being attended to with regard to member selection, committee charge (in particular for those committees without an explicit focus on DEI), and committee functioning (e.g., how meetings are conducted).

Conclusion: We look forward to continuing to serve the CU Faculty.

Respectfully submitted (Committee chair/ co-chairs): **Diana White**

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