Policy Statement

Title and Purpose

The Senate Advisory Committee on the University Budget is a concurrent committee reporting to the Senate and the President. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Senate and President on the academic implications of the university budget, and to suggest policies on budgetary matters that bear on faculty morale, retention, and productivity, and on the quality and productivity of UT Dallas academic programs.

Membership

The committee shall have ten voting members. One voting member shall be appointed from the faculty of each School and two voting members shall be chosen from the faculty at large for special expertise or interest in institutional budgeting. Members shall serve staggered three year terms, except that in the first year three of the nine members shall be appointed for one year, three for two years, and three for three years. The Associate Vice President for Budget and Resource Planning shall serve as member ex officio and assure that the Committee receives information on the budget in a form the Committee finds usable. Voting members shall be appointed according to the procedures in the Handbook of Operating Procedures III.21. IV. B. Vacancies that arise from resignation or departure shall be filled in the same manner.

Reporting

The responsible university official shall be the Provost of the University or the Provost’s designee. The committee will receive the budgetary information it requires each year before the budget is finalized, and prepare its assessment and advice, to be conveyed to the Senate, Provost, and President. Policy recommendations shall also be conveyed to the Senate, Provost, and President.

Activities and Schedule

Each year, the committee is to review the university budget and provide an assessment of the impact of budget priorities on the academic programs and teaching and research priorities of the faculty. In addition, the committee shall from time to time, either on a regular cycle or as need may arise, prepare analyses of specific issues that affect faculty and the quality and productivity of academic programs. Issues of this kind that the committee may consider could include, but are not limited to:
1. The relative priorities of consideration of pay equity and of using money to attract especially outstanding new faculty.
2. Salary and pay policy, including problems of salary equity, compression, and inversion.
3. Relative budgetary weight of support services and academic personnel.
4. The possible uses of endowment funds within the constraints of the endowment requirements.
5. Tuition and fees, including admission fees.
6. Allocation of faculty positions to the several schools and programs in relation to university goals and policies.
7. Student salary scales and policies, including policies regarding salary equity.
8. Availability and cost of campus housing in general and for specific student populations, such as graduate versus undergraduate.
10. The balance to be struck between scholarships based on need and scholarships based on merit.

The committee shall also recommend policies or changes in policy on these matters and other such matters as may seem fit, framing the issues to lead the Senate to an informed discussion.

Annual Reports

Annually, but no later than August 31, the Chair of the Committee shall provide the Speaker of the Faculty with a written report for the Academic Senate of the Committee's activities for the prior academic year.

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