

Faculty Senate/All University Committee Final Report (2014-2015)

Committee:	Budget and Priorities Committee	Prepared By:	Chia-Chi Ho	Date: May 7
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<p>Topics Discussed: provide a brief description of each</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Charge of Committee. "There shall be a standing committee known as the budget and priorities committee. It shall have seven members elected by the faculty senate, serving two-year staggered terms. The chairperson of the university faculty shall annually appoint an individual who is both a member of the committee and a member of the faculty senate to serve as the chairperson of this committee. The committee on committees shall nominate, when feasible, two persons for every vacancy of the committee. The budget and priorities committee shall examine financial matters of the university and recommend to the faculty senate ordering of priorities for new funds and for reallocation of present resources, including specific dollar amounts. As feasible, the committee shall also suggest possible sources for new funding. One or more of its members may serve as faculty senate representative and liaison to all university committees responsible for budget and priorities." 2. The committee has set the following priorities at the start of the academic year and met monthly and communicated frequently through emails to achieve the goals. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Examine the university overall budget, capital and academic budget. b. Examine the capital and debt management involved with buildings and facilities on and around campus. c. Receive feedback from faculty and administration on the white paper from Budget and Priorities committee accepted by the senate last semester d. Determine approaches to advance the third century initiative and academic excellent including setting FT tenure track hiring and retention as a priority, additional support for TA and tuition support for RA, and additional instructional support e. Prioritize funds toward safety within and around the campus 3. Goal a: The committee chair has updated FCC meeting to the committee and shared that Debi Galloway indicated that research will cost UC more than the revenue it generates. Decline in F&A revenue has been mitigated by reducing the workforce but deficits remain an issue. Two possible solutions being discussed include revision of the F&A distribution policy or increase Office of Research General funds have been proposed. 4. Goal a: The committee met with Daniel Langmeyer and reviewed "Annual Fund Accounting Schedules For the Year Ended June 30, 2014" and "University of
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Cincinnati Financial Statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 and Independent Auditor's report." In particular, the discussion focused on Schedule C Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and other Changes for Current Funds. These reports are available for past years and can now be found in the Controller's website. The committee discussed the importance to align the University resources with the mission of the university.

5. Goal a and b: The committee met with Bob Ambach and Jim Plummer and reviewed ten year capital plan annual cash requirements and analysis of projected debt service with the inclusion of the ten year capital plan. Key financial data with comparison to select universities and future debt capacity has also been discussed. Significant debt load was a result of the Campus Master Plan and MSB project. There will be a decline in debt service after FY 2018 which will provide long term future flexibility. Bob has shared with the committee the budget and indicated 0 variance based on the existing information in May.
6. Goal a and d: In another meeting with Danial Langmeyer the PBB 100 for each UC Colleges, PBB primer, and a budget template was reviewed. PBB 100 reports are available and can be obtained from the college business offices. The committee had questions regarding to the line on the undesignated fund and plan to clarify this with Bob Ambach.
7. Goal c and d: The committee had a conversation with Provost Davenport to learn the feedback on the committee's April 4, 2014 report and learned shared her vision on faculty hiring. She indicated that strategic hiring is in addition to replacement lines for retiring faculty. With increasing enrollment, participation of high school students, and increasing number of faculty retiring, there is a need to hire more faculty. The impact of online courses, which may require more faculty at initial stages of implementation but ultimately less faculty effort, was discussed and more data is being gathered by institution research.
8. Goal d: The committee reviewed and discussed Letter from Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletic (COIA), a documentation from COIA titled "Framing the Future: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics", background summary of COIA, the antitrust exemption issue. Discussion will continue with Ken (the Faculty Senate's representative to COIA) leading the effort on a resolution for consideration by the faculty senate.
9. Goal d: The committee met with Mike Bohn and discussed the vision, historic budget and expenses of UC athletics, performance, Nippert stadium renovation project, and the proposal of Fifth Third Arena Renovation. The committee plan to invite him back next academic year for more details on the expenses and revenues to achieve balanced budget. The committee shared with mike the view to prioritize University Mission in academics and suggested approaches for improving the academic experiences of the athletics.

	<p>10. Goal d: The committee discussed the interest to learn more on the UC's current and future plans with Universities in China and how does "House Panel Plans to Scrutinize US Universities Ties with China" may affect the plan.</p> <p>11. Goal e: The committee discussed how the new structure in public safety can help better communication of the strategy with public safety director Jason Goodrich and reviewer recent data on UC Clery timely Warning area crimes. The police officer has been increased to 70 and will continue overtime proactive patrol within the UC Clery Timely Warning Area and resident halls. Jason also indicated the need for K-9 for detection of explosive devices for the coming football season. The committee suggested 1. Develop a strategy to integrate with the Children's' hospital, VA, and Shriners Hospital to share the crime information 2. Focus on safety education for new students. 3. The committee strongly support the need for K-9 and additional staffs within public safety to ensure safety within and around the university.</p>
<p>Action Items:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide more continuous financial data and information for the committee, Peter Disimile has set up a drop box for all the data and reports the committee has reviewed and gathered this year for comparison with future years. All the financial data and budgets has been uploaded to this drop box. 2. The committee suggested more interaction with the provost, a "Tea with the Provost" event, and increased focus on retaining faculty.