

## REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date 04/26/2024 Mid-Year Year-End X

Committee BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Chair or Co-Chairs Dr. Lou E. Pelton  
Meeting Dates 12 February 2024; 21 February 2024

Group	Name	Academic Unit	Attended	Absent
I	Caroline Najour	WLLC	2	0
II	VACANT	---		
III	Murizio Manzo	MEEN	2	0
IV	Eric Fritsch	DPA	2	0
V	Lou E. Pelton	MKTG	2	0
VI	Karthigeyan Subramaniam	TEA	2	0
VII	Vacant	---		
VIII	Zuoming Wang	COMM	2	0
At-Large 1	Scott Warren	LTEC	2	0
At-Large 2	Peter Kipp	ACCT	2	0

### Accomplishments

1. Meeting with Michael McPherson and Brandi Everett on Wednesday, 21 February at 11:30 a.m. regarding some issues related to Summer budgeting and scheduling. There seems to be a lot of misinformation, but both Mike and Brandi feel that the deans are well-informed and have a “meeting of the minds” relative to Summer budgets.
  - It is a “base year” and we do not want to cut Summer 2024 course offerings and/or enrollment.
  - The same minimum enrollments will be in place, and “exceptions” will still be considered.
  - There are likely more complex “budgetary challenges” occurring in the College of Engineering and Ryan College of Business due to having some of the highest salaries on campus.
  - It would be logical for some colleges to use Lecturers, Adjuncts, and lower-paid faculty to cover courses, especially at the undergraduate level.
  - Some Colleges still have a salary “cap” for Summer remuneration, while others do not.
2. Meeting with Clayton Gibson about issues regarding budgeting. Seems to be a lot of rumors and/or misunderstandings across campus.
3. Administered annual Faculty Senate Budget Committee Survey (deadline 26 April 2024).

We believe that the Budget Committee remains a relevant and important committee, representing faculty engagement in the Academic and university budgeting decisions and processes.

1. Given five years of data, we believe that there exists an opportunity for a longitudinal summation of findings from the annual Faculty Senate Annual Budget Committee Surveys.
2. Given that the Chair will roll off of the Committee, a new Committee Chair needs to be selected.