

REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

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SPBAC Charter: The Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (SPBAC) in consultation and dialogue with the President, the Provost, and the University community, supports and enhances the success of the University through thoughtful and informed advice relating to: strategic planning, assessment of institutional priorities, review of budgetary policies, and the evaluation of programs and services.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- SPBAC members completed a survey on options for treating F&A in AIB (Activity Informed Budgeting). Results of the survey were reported to senior leadership and SPBAC members.
- SPBAC members completed a survey on three main questions they have about University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC). The questions were summarized and forwarded to UAGC leadership in preparation for a meeting with SPBAC to take place on March 16, 2022.
- SPBAC co-chairs met with Paul Pastorek (UAGC President) and Lisa Kemp (UAGC interim CFO) to discuss the upcoming meeting with SPBAC.
- In regular session, SPBAC discussed
 - UArizona/UAGC coordination/integration
 - Two benchmarking reports on expenditures/costs prepared by UA Planning Office
 - A report on Staff - Recruitment, retention, compensation, benefits & diversity
 - A report on Faculty - Recruitment, retention, & diversity
 - AIB – how to treat GIDP (Graduate Interdisciplinary Programs)
 - AIB – how to best integrate shared governance in transitioning process

2021-2022 GOALS

- To regularly review annual budget changes
 - To increase financial/budgetary literacy of SPBAC membership to ensure timely and competent engagement of all members in development of budgetary policies
 - To work with administration on a streamlined process for Shared Governance/SPBAC inclusion in important subcomponents of the AIB transition
 - To provide consultative input for RII with regard to financial implications of the research mission
 - To work with administration on plans for improvement of student retention and graduation metrics
 - To consult administration on revenue-generating ventures such as UAGC
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- To overall improve the process for shared governance input in budgetary and strategic planning

SPBAC Meeting Minutes: The minutes from previous meetings are available for each meeting in our digital archive, available here: <https://facultygovernance.arizona.edu/committee/34/minutes-archive>