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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 Strategic Budget Allocations in transitioning to AIB (Activity Informed Budgeting). Results of the survey were reported to senior leadership and SPBAC members.
- SPBAC co-chairs met with senior leadership to discuss faculty concerns regarding the outcomes of the furlough savings program.
- SPBAC co-chair Helm met with the Regents' and Distinguished Professors group to discuss budgetary issues.
- In regular session, SPBAC discussed
 - Net Tuition Revenue and Fees (NTRF) flow in comparison to 79 peer institutions, including financial aid (discounting)
 - results of the HLC peer review
 - Strategic Budget Allocation Guidelines to be implemented with the transition to AIB
 - the Annual Comprehensive Financial Review (ACFR) FY 2021 (available here: <https://www.fso.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/2021-11/acfr2021.pdf>)
 - GPSC's Graduate Financial Stress Report and GA stipends
 - Faculty concerns regarding the outcomes of the furlough savings program

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
- 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>