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*Strategic Planning & Budget Advisory Committee*

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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 participated in a three-hour workshop organized and led by Garth Perry, Vice President and Chief Budget Officer, on the foundations of AIB (Activity Informed Budgeting). A follow-up workshop will be hosted soon.
- SPBAC chairs provided a report on a survey on alternatives for Undergraduate Net Tuition Revenue distribution, in which SPBAC voting members favored a solution that incorporates SCH, degrees and majors in the distribution formula.
- In regular session, SPBAC discussed
  - the current status of State Appropriation and Net Tuition Revenue
  - a presentation on Embracing Complexity in the Research Mission
  - the addition of new SPBAC members (non-voting)
  - an update on Undergraduate student recruitment, retention and diversity
  - a presentation of tactics, strategies and programs aimed at improving graduation and retention rates at UArizona.

### 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>