

Budget Advisory Committee
(Special Agency of the Academic Senate)
Year-end report 2016-2017
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Meetings held: April 29, 2016 (previous AY) August 24, 2016
September 20, 2016 October 26, 2016
November 30, 2016 February 15, 2017
March 8, 2017 April 5, 2017
May 17, 2017

Business completed:

This was the inaugural year for this most recent BAC, SJSU’s version of meeting the CSU-wide requirement to maintain some sort of budget advisory body. Most of this AY’s committee work consisted of laying the philosophical and procedural groundwork for upcoming years. At the beginning of the AY, the committee advised new Vice President for Administration & Finance Charlie Faas as he prepared the required annual Senate budget report in October. At the end of the AY, VP Faas presented to the committee all budget requests from the various divisions for the discretionary funds available to the university and reviewed by the Financial Advisory Council (FAC). Both of these exercises fulfilled the goals of transparency as set forth in [University Policy F15-9](#) as well as some of the “responsibilities” enumerated in section 1.3 of the policy.

Other discussion topics during the AY included: budget priorities, the issue of one-time vs. base funding (which type should be used for what purposes), funding model timelines, how to manage roll-over funds, how best to communicate the BAC’s suggestions to the university at large and to the President, the possible consequences of shifting enrollments on the budget, and the future of the university’s auxiliaries. See the meeting minutes for more detailed information.

Business unfinished:

Most of it. A perusal of University Policy F15-9 shows that most of the work – the “responsibilities” of section 1.3 – is just beginning. The committee concluded that its rightful purpose in the coming two years is primarily as an advising committee for the strategic planning process. In that capacity, the committee will remain in close contact with the Strategic Planning Advisory Steering Committee. The BAC will also remain a general advisory board for the university as a whole.