

Resolution Concerning Faculty Participation in Budget Priorities
University of Florida, Faculty Senate
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WHEREAS, an integral part of Shared Governance at the University of Florida entails that faculty in each college, department, institute, center, and academic unit participate in setting budget priorities and in consulting with the dean, director, chair or other administrative head regarding the appropriate allocation of funds to optimize the University's academic mission; and

WHEREAS, the colleges, departments, centers, institutes, and academic units work together to support the University's Strategic Work Plan through all aspects of their research, teaching, clinic, and service mission; and

WHEREAS, the budget process represents a method by which the university prioritizes resource allocation and the allocation of funds affects all faculty members; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate desires to provide all faculty full transparency regarding the flow of funds to and within units which enables faculty members the opportunity to align their work with the University's Strategic Work Plan; and

WHEREAS, transparency helps guard against the inadvertent under- or over-expenditure of allocated funds.

The Faculty Senate of the University of Florida hereby resolves that:

1. That each college, department, institute, center, and academic unit shall establish a procedure for providing meaningful faculty review of the budget and resource allocation, in sufficient detail regarding sources of funds received and expenditures allocated, to fulfill a meaningful consultative role;
2. That any entity created by, or empowered by, a college, department, institute, center, or academic unit to fulfill this function shall be comprised of a majority of faculty elected by the unit;
3. The procedure established shall insure that the Dean, Chair, or Director of the College, Department, Center or other academic unit shall regularly provide the requisite budget and resource allocation information to allow faculty meaningful review;
4. The procedure established in each college, department, institute, center, and academic unit shall insure the dissemination of this information to the faculty of the college, department, institute, center or other academic unit;

5. That the Budget Council survey each College, Institute and Center and provide the Senate with an annual evaluation of the University's Faculty Budget and Resource Allocation Review activities.