

Year-End Report

1. **Council:** Budget and Planning Council
2. **Academic Year:** 2020-2021
3. **Council Members:** James Alford, Steve Bolyai, Atolla Budd, Iris DiMaio, Payton MacDonald, Judy Matthew, Jill Nocella, Elizabeth Victor, Ge Zhang
4. **Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities** (please list the council's charges- both standing charges and charges for that particular academic year - and describe any significant discussion/progress related to each charge):

Standing charges:

1. Recommend University budget policy and overall direction.
2. Advise and prioritize in matters related to institutional planning and finance.
3. Examine and review the institution's proposed budget.
4. Work with the administration in resolving fiscal concerns.

Additional Charges (Priorities for 2020- 2021):

1. Recommend ways to enhance attendance and involvement of students, faculty, staff at campus wide budget meetings

Summary of Activities during 2020-2021:

The focus of this year was on university budget, planning and finance. Discussion regarding the need for greater transparency related to how the university budget is developed took place throughout the year. Council members discussed the Council's standing charges and ways in which this Council might work effectively to meet these expectations.

It was agreed that the Council co-chairs or a representative from the Council should be present and play an active role in the University budget planning process. With the planned retirement of Steve Bolyai in May 2021, Tim Lever, Director of University Budgets and Financial Planning, joined the Council meetings with the intention of continued collaboration.

At the April 27th Faculty Senate meeting, the Council co-chairs presented a report of questions and concerns related to the current financial situation of the University. This report was a collaborative effort from the Council members and the chair and co-chair of the Faculty Senate.

5. Recommended Charges for The Next Academic Year:

1. Work with the administration in establishing the budget for each fiscal year
2. Recommend ways to enhance attendance and involvement of students, faculty, staff at campus wide budget meetings