

Rewriting the University Budget Committee (UBC) Charge

What is the desired outcome of this priority?

A revised charge for UBC that reflects a more deliberative and engaged body of campus stakeholders and an inclusive membership.

Current State

Charge focuses primarily on membership and required meetings. Charge names UBC as an advisory committee but does not provide guidance on how to best perform that role.

Metrics

Inclusiveness of input and participation in rewriting the charge; timeliness of rewriting the charge; ratification of charge by UBC; President's approval of rewritten charge.

Desired State

A charge that expands guidance on the UBC can be more engaged and deliberative in role as an advisory committee to the President for budget issues. A charge that optimizes the inclusiveness of the UBC's membership.

Who will be the executive sponsor(s) for this priority?

Vice President and Provost Jennifer Summit (co-chair of the UBC)

Who else will lead the effort for this priority?

[Add subcommittee names here.]

What are next steps for this priority?

Convene subcommittee of existing UBC members to work on this priority.

Draft rewritten charge.

Circulate draft for review and comment by UBC members.

Gain consensus among UBC members for the revised charge.

Forward charge to President Mahoney for approval.

How will we monitor the progress on this priority?

Milestones by date.

Final approval by President (target - June 1, 2020)

Budget Literacy

What is the desired outcome of this priority?

A UBC membership that has a working knowledge of CSU/SFSU budget language, the budget cycle, and budget decision-making processes; expanded budget literacy across the campus.

Current State

The complexity of the CSU/SFSU budget process is further complicated by inconsistent terminology; concepts are presented out of context making it difficult for the UBC to fulfill its advisory role; communication is not consistent

Who will be the executive sponsor(s) for this priority?

Vice President and CFO Jeff Wilson (cochair of the UBC)

Who else will lead the effort for this priority?

[Add subcommittee names here.]

Metrics

UBC: improved understanding of the budget language, cycle, and decision-making processes; A&F: published budget resources (glossary, decision-making processes, real-time updates); expanded budget literacy across campus - outreach to constituent groups (student groups, faculty groups, administrator and staff

Desired State

Consistent resources for budget language, a well-understood budget cycle, and transparent budget decision-making processes; expanded budget literacy across the campus; UBC members equipped to fulfill their advisory role.

What are next steps for this priority?

Convene subcommittee of existing UBC members to work on this priority.

Outreach to campus constituent groups to identify literacy gaps.

Publish glossary and roadmaps for decision-making processes resources.

Present resources to UBC; gain consensus around resources.

Undertake broad outreach efforts to share resources with campus community.

How will we monitor the progress on this priority?

Milestones: convene subcommittee; outreach; publication and presentation of resources

Calendared outreach efforts

Budget and Fiscal Policy

What is the desired outcome of this priority?

To have a set of budget and fiscal policies that inform campus decision-making around financial and budget matters. Policies will reflect collaborative design and implementation, technical compliance, and optimal control and flexibility.

Current State

Very few campus policies exist around financial and budget decision making. Policies are created as they are needed - usually centrally without collaborative consultation.

Metrics

Inclusiveness of policy design and implementation; adherence to compliance requirements; quality of policies to inform decision making; quality of policies to provide optimal centralized control and cross-unit flexibility.

Desired State

A library of policies and resources that inform the campus of our approach for budget and fiscal decision making as agreed upon through an inclusive policy design and implementation process; marked levels of improved trust between central administration and units around budget and fiscal decision-making.

Who will be the executive sponsor(s) for this priority?

Vice President and CFO Jeff Wilson (cochair of the UBC)

Who else will lead the effort for this priority?

[Add subcommittee names here.]
[Add technical working group names here.]

What are next steps for this priority?

Reconvene subcommittee to address this priority.

Identify budget and fiscal areas that need policies in the short-term.

Convene technical working group to draft policies.

Gain consensus from subcommittee for draft policies.

Present draft policies to UBC for consensus approval.

How will we monitor the progress on this priority?

Milestones: reconvene subcommittee; convene technical working group; ID policy priorities.

Present draft policies to UBC for consensus approval.

UBC Communication and Outreach

What is the desired outcome of this priority?

The UBC will define, coordinate, and publicize communication and outreach to the campus community for budget-related matters. The campus community members will be informed in a timely, engaged manner.

Current State

A&F/University Budget Office provides most communication and outreach efforts around the budget process. The communication is defined and presented by A&F. The communication and outreach are historical.

Metrics

Desired State

UBC defines communication and outreach efforts (what, when, how, where). Campus engages with communication and outreach. Expanded budget literacy across campus.

Who will be the executive sponsor(s) for this priority?

Vice President and Provost Jennifer Summit; Vice President and CFO Jeff Wilson; (co-chairs of the UBC)

Who else will lead the effort for this priority?

[Add subcommittee names here.]
[Add technical/support working group names here.]

What are next steps for this priority?

Convene subcommittee to address this priority.

Subcommittee identify communications and outreach priorities.

Convene technical/support working group to prepare communications/outreach resources.

Gain consensus from subcommittee to go forward with communications/outreach resources.

Publish/Schedule/Deliver communications and outreach priorities.

How will we monitor the progress on this priority?

Milestones: convene subcommittee; convene technical/support working group; ID C/O priorities

Publish/Schedule/Deliver communications and outreach priorities.