

**Finance and Planning Report to Faculty Senate
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Budget Forum

A university wide budget forum was held on April 2. Approximately 40 faculty and staff attended and there was a collegial and lively discussion about a number of budget issues.

University Planning Council Update

A UPC steering committee met on Friday April 3 to discuss options for increasing the effectiveness of the group in addressing a number of issues around campus.

Finance and Planning Committee

Members of the Finance and Planning Committee met with many departments around campus and identified a number of issues related to budgets and planning including but not limited to the following:

- Understanding revenues and costs in Academic Affairs, systematic and transparent allocation
- General Education Reform – resource needs
- Equity Increases
- Funding for Study Abroad
- Funding for Scholarships
- Reliance on intercession and summer money for operating expenses
- Student travel funding
- Recruitment and relocation expenses for new faculty

In addition, the committee met with the Academic Deans to discuss these issues and begin working on a plan to address the issues. We are currently planning to meet with the new provost as soon as possible to begin working collaboratively with her to make some progress on dealing with these issues as well.