

REPORT OF THE FS BUDGET & PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 18, 2015

III. Faculty Senate Reports

B. Standing Committees

1. Budget and Planning—Report (May)

- There is a long history of shared governance between faculty and administration at the university level.
- There has been a significant erosion in faculty's role in the governing process at Leeward CC. The campus budget used to come to the Faculty Senate for a vote. Now the Faculty Senate is not allowed any direct input into the budget.
- There have been disturbing trends in higher education in recent years: the corporatization of higher education, soaring tuition costs, the move towards replacing tenured instructors with adjunct faculty, and the dramatic increase in administrative costs.
- Faculty needs to take the role of shared governance seriously and help to set campus priorities and the future direction of our college. Part of that process is reviewing and providing input into the campus budget.
- There needs to be a group on campus that has a formal role in the review of the campus budget. This should include the entire budget, not just the planning lists.
- BOR policy and the recent Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Regarding UHPA and Faculty Senates clearly give Faculty Senates that role.
- In discussion with J.N. Musto, Executive Director of UHPA, during his February 19 visit to Leeward CC, he was adamant that the Faculty Senate had the right to review and provide input into the entire campus budget. The rights of the Faculty Senate in this respect are tied to the collective bargaining agreement by the MOA. If the administration does not abide by the MOA, such a violation would be grievable.

IV. Unfinished Business

B. Budget and Planning Committee motion—May

“On behalf of the Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee I would like to make a motion to request that the entire campus budget come to the Faculty Senate for review and input.”