

Faculty Senate Members,

My name is Michael Golden and I am chair of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee. At this time, the other members of this committee are Stuart McAninch and Marvin Querry. This committee is currently without a charge and without a history to fall back on. So our first task is to define just who and why we are. Below we have outlined, roughly, what we see as our major functions and a tentative timetable to accomplish these tasks. At this Tuesday's meeting of Faculty Senate, we hope to discuss these functions and to get input and feedback from all of you. What we list below is not set in stone by any means.

We understand that 1) we have a large learning curve ahead of us and 2) three members is not enough to carry out these tasks with much effectiveness. I know we are all strapped for time and serving on one more committee is not what we need on our plate. But I believe that this committee will serve a very important role for both Faculty Senate and for Administration, if there is enough participation and drive to carry out it's goals. So, please, if you have interest, please consider signing on to help us carry out these vital tasks. Thank you.

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We recommend three functions for the committee at this time:

- 1) Providing information and data on the budget and budget-making process requested by the Faculty Senate.
- 2) Recommending procedures for Faculty Senate participation in assessment and planning of the budget.
- 3) Assessment of current faculty involvement in the budget-making process.

We also have a tentative timetable for the committee's initial activities:

Remainder of the Fall 2001 Semester:

- Recruit other members (there is too much work for two or three people--it might be helpful to ask Harris to include in the minutes a call for volunteers)
 - Obtain a mandate from the Senate in terms of our functions
 - Accumulate materials on the budget and budget-making process at UMKC and materials regarding faculty involvement in budget-making at other institutions.
 - Meet with people who can provide orientation on budget-making at UMKC (Larry Gates, Nancy Zielke, Gary Ebersole, etc.)
- Also recommend that these people speak to Faculty Senate in the future.

Christmas Break:

- Read accumulated materials

Winter 2002 Semester:

- Perform functions assigned by the Senate.
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In regard to the timetable, we noted that it is important to stress that complex functions (such as recommending and helping establish procedures for increased Faculty Senate involvement in the budget-making process and in assessment of the budget) will require continuous work over the course of several years.

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