

## Faculty Senate Budget Committee Report for November 2002

During the regular October meeting of the Budget Committee several items were discussed. Topics included the conversion from FRS to Banner, posting of grant overhead to departments (its in the works), the motion offered at the October 2002 Senate meeting by Senator Dunston, campus perceptions of the budget and the future work of the committee.

Two motions were offered and approved. The first discussed was a motion “that the committee review one major budget area every two months or so in a systematic way and report to the Faculty Senate”. The first area selected for study was Enrollment Management.

The committee felt a substitute motion would be more appropriate than the one on the floor offered by Senator Dunston. The alternate motion offered by the Budget Committee is “the Faculty Senate encourages the President to examine all costs, administrative, faculty and otherwise in complying with state mandated budget cuts and make the best choices in light of the long term mission of the university.” The committee was of the opinion that the Dunston motion tied the hands of the President during a critical juncture of the university.

The committee also asked the chair to explore having an open forum on the budget with Vice Presidents Johnson and Wasicsko in the near term.