

Report from the Faculty Senate Budget Committee
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At the Senate meeting of March 3, following Provost Piercey request, the Faculty Senates Budget Committee elicited input from senators and their constituencies to help set priorities in case the possible cuts to Eastern Operating Budget were *less* than the 12% worse case scenario.

In view of the current proposed cuts of 3% of our State Appropriations (as per President Whitlock e-mail of April 1) further discussion on these priorities seem very appropriate.

The faculty was asked to consider the areas listed below to provide input and feedback to the Faculty Senate Budget Committee and to the Provost. These areas were not the only one to consider, and others could be (and were) added.

New faculty/staff lines
New/expanded student services
Student recruitment
Equity adjustments for faculty/staff
Equipment
Operating money
Across the board compensation increase
Merit compensation increase
Technology refresh/enhancements
Professional development for faculty/staff
Capital expansion debt service
Etc.

The committee met on April 2, and discussed the preliminary result obtained. Respondents were a mixture of individual faculty voicing the opinion and senators representing the view of their respective departments, totaling approximately 100 Faculty. The priorities were given a decreasing value (13 to 1) according to their ranking (Highest ranking is 13 and lowest is 1). These results are by no means exhaustive, but should be the starting point of further discussion of what are the priorities of the faculty at large. These are the preliminary results obtained.

Scores	(Value of ranking x frequency)
Cost of Living Adjustment	925
Keeping existing faculty lines	773
Operating Money	655
Merit Pay Increase	644
Technology enhancements, equipment	448
Professional development for Faculty	406
Equity Adjustments for Faculty	244
Student recruitment	237
New Faculty Lines	137
Capital expansion	104
More office space for Faculty sharing offices	20
Student services	4
More Part-time instructors	1

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