

## **Executive Committee report**

Faculty Senate meeting

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The Executive Committee is hard at work on the **faculty evaluation of President Benson**. Faculty-at-large were able to submit their responses to the survey from Feb. 1 to Feb. 16. We received 396 responses, for a response rate of 54.6%, which we see as very good. We are in the process of summarizing the responses into an easily digestible report. We plan to get that report to the Board of Regents by the end of March.

**Budget Advisory Committee.** The Committee solicited proposals from every sector of the University to cut 15, 20, and 25% of their budget. All units participated in this phase. The Committee is in the process of prioritizing the individual proposals, with the goal to cut \$25M. While the cuts we propose to the President will not be evenly spread across campus, I can assure you that we are looking at every unit, and our proposal will contain proposals to cut all units. The Committee will submit its report to Pres. Benson on March 9. Should the President propose to suspend academic programs, the University will closely follow all University policies, including Policy 4.6.16P Dismissal of Faculty, which includes review of proposed program suspensions by the Faculty Committee on Dismissal. Here is a tentative schedule for this process, highlighting events that affect the Senate:

March 22	Regular CAA meeting
March 29	Called CAA meeting
March 30	Provost convenes Faculty Dismissal Committee, sends report to Faculty Senate Chair
April 2	Regular Faculty Senate meeting, vote on potential program suspensions
April 6	Board of Regents meeting, review of budget reduction proposals
April 16	Called Faculty Senate meeting to review FCD report
April 30	Faculty Senate report to Provost
May 7	Regular and Organizational Faculty Senate meetings

One unfortunate consequence of following these policies is that the campus community will likely learn of proposed program suspensions before learning of cuts to other areas. I want to point out that the order of these disclosures does not reflect the priorities of the Budget Advisory Committee, but rather is a consequence of policies passed by the Senate, and to some extent the calendar in Frankfort. Again, ALL units in the University are being examined and no area will be held harmless in our recommendations. My understanding is that the campus community will learn many more details following the April 6 Board of Regents meeting.

Reminder: nominations for Senator Chair will be called for at the April 2 Senate meeting.