

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD  
ACADEMIC SENATE

**Faculty Participation in Budgetary Matters**

RES 171813

BPC

**RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield make the following changes to its Constitution:

**Article 2 Functions and Responsibilities**

**Section 1** The Academic Senate shall have the following functions and responsibilities relating to ~~educational and professional university~~ matters not subject to collective bargaining:

- A. The Academic Senate shall carry out those responsibilities vested in the faculty by Trustee policy and State law for developing policies and making recommendations to the University President on the following matters:
- 1) criteria and standards for the appointment, retention, awarding of tenure, promotion and evaluation of academic employees including preservation of the principle of peer evaluation and provision for the direct involvement of appropriate faculty in these decisions;
  - 2) curricular policies, such as admission and degree requirements, approval of new courses and programs, discontinuance of academic programs, and academic standards;
  - 2)3) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ fiscal policies and budget priorities;
  - 3)4) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ the awarding of grades;
  - 4)5) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ faculty appointments to institutional task forces, advisory committees, and auxiliary organizations;
  - 5)6) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ academic standards and academic policies governing athletics.

**RESOLVED:** that faculty will actively participate in the annual university budgeting process, as indicated in the attached calendar; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment (IRPA), and the Budget Office provide requested data, based on the timeline laid out in the annual budget calendar, to the Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) of the Academic Senate.

**RATIONALE:**

The *Report of the Board of Trustees ad hoc committee on Governance, Collegiality, and Responsibility in the California State University*, AS-2491-00/Floor (Highsmith, D. Hood) recognizes the role of faculty in fiscal decision-making, as seen in the following excerpts:

- Collegiality consists of a shared decision-making process and a set of values regarded by the members of the various university constituencies as essential for the success of the academic enterprise.
- The collegial process recognizes the value of participation by the faculty in budgetary matters, particularly those directly affecting the areas for which the faculty has primary responsibility.
- Collegial shared governance allows the academic community to work together to find the best answers to issues facing the university.

The current Constitution of the Academic Senate at California State University, Bakersfield, does not effectively address the role of faculty in the development of fiscal policies and budget priorities. A change in the Constitution is warranted.

Senate engagement in the budget cycle is illustrated in the attached calendar. The Chair of the Senate Budget and Planning Committee will collaborate with the Budget Office and IRPA to obtain data pertinent to the committee's deliberations and recommendations.

**Distribution List:**

President  
Provost  
BAS/CFO  
AVP, IRPA

Approved by the Academic Senate November 30, 2017.  
Faculty vote to amend Bylaws resulted in a majority in favor January 26, 2018  
Sent to the President January 29, 2018  
Approved by the President May 31, 2018

## Draft Budget Process Annual Calendar (Academic Year) - BPC

**Legend:** Underline - BPC Activities; Standard Font - Non-BPC CSUB Activities; *Italics* - Off Campus Activities;

<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "State of Academic Affairs" presented by Provost;</li> <li>- <i>Budget consultations with Presidents, and SBAC; BOT plans budget</i></li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>First BPC Meeting</u>;</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Data provided to BPC by various campus divisions</u>;</li> <li>- <i>CSU Constituent Consultations</i></li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>BPC analyzes data</u>;</li> <li>- University Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (USPBAC) Meeting (Divisions present requests);</li> <li>- <i>Trustees adopts Support Budget Plan; Review CSU Enrollment</i></li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Governor's budget submitted to the Legislature</i></li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>BPC prioritizes Academic Affairs budget components</u>;</li> <li>- President reviews funding requests and priorities and approves based on USPBAC recommendations</li> <li>- <i>Legislative Analyst's analysis of Governor's budget</i></li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>BPC presents budget resolution(s) to Senate</u></li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>CSU Constituent Briefings; Legislative budget hearings; Governor's May budget revisions</i></li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Senate finalizes budget resolutions</u>;</li> <li>- <i>Governor's revised budget impacts Campus funding availability and priorities; System Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) consultation; CSU Constituent consultation</i></li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>State budget adopted</i></li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Final budget allocation to campuses</li> </ul>