

Resolution to Form an Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Strategic Budgeting

WHEREAS, Auburn University has set a strategic priority to focus resources on institutional mission and priorities; and

WHEREAS, to this end, the University retained the Huron Consulting Group to assist in the development of a new budget model for Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget model has been presented both in university-wide open forums and in meetings with the deans and faculties of each school and college as well as with representatives of the University's central support units and auxiliaries; and

WHEREAS, considering the scope and impact of adopting a new budget model and the importance of shared governance, the Steering Committee of the University Senate and senior administrative officers of the University are desirous of formal faculty input on the proposed strategic budgeting model before making a final commitment to its implementation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Senate shall authorize the Senate Rules Committee to appoint an ad hoc committee on Strategic Budgeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this committee shall include a representative with faculty rank from each academic school and college as well as a representative with faculty rank from the University Libraries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rules Committee, in consultation with the senior administrative officers of the University, shall also invite representatives from the central administration or other units to serve as full voting members on this committee as needed for the task; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the charge of this committee will be to present a report to the University Senate by the end of March, 2015, with an analysis of the proposed budget model as well as of viable alternative budget models, if any, that will focus resources on institutional mission and priorities, along with its recommendations for the strategic budgeting initiative at Auburn University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University Senate recommends that no actions be taken to implement the proposed budget model or an alternative strategic budgeting model until this committee has submitted its report and the University Senate has had an opportunity to consider it.