

Senate Fiscal Committee Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2013

The Senate Fiscal Committee had a very active and full calendar this year. Major projects included a Program Fiscal Review of the Office of Student Life, a review of the Study Abroad funding structure, a review of the OSU Online funding structure as well as review and analysis of components of the FY 14 budget.

Recommendations and reports included:

- Program Fiscal Review of the Office of Student Life – the report focused on four major issues
 - The new debt service obligations brought on by Student Life’s planned North Residential District plans and its affect the cost of housing to students and in turn the University’s competitiveness in attracting students in future
 - Staffing plans for future needs and how can potential overlaps in administrative services—in information technology, purchasing, and facilities maintenance—be best managed for cost savings without significant negative impact upon the student experience
 - Fiscal plans in place for adequate ongoing maintenance, refreshment, and replacement of Student Life facilities (RPAC, Ohio Union, Lincoln/Morrill Towers, and others)
 - The Second-year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) – review of planning process and total financial impact fully understood? Can the campus community be engaged sufficiently in the relatively brief planning period? Is its evaluation process sound? What are the long-term sources of funding? Is the STEP effort financially sustainable?
- Reviewed and provided official feedback on the Office of Business and Finance’s Strategic Plan
- FY 14 Benefit Rates
- FY 14 Overhead Rates
- FY 14 POM Rates

Remaining items to address this year:

- Revised Study Abroad Funding Structure
- Funding structure for OSU Online services
- FY 14 Support Office Budget Request Recommendations
- OCIO Program Fiscal Review

Items discussed that will carry over to next year:

- Budget Model review
 - Is the model as it exists still structured appropriately
 - Should any of the changes made in the state funding model be included in our funding model
- Advancement Funding Structure

The Committee also had presentations and Q and A sessions on the following items:

- Parking Concession Agreement (2 meetings)
- Procurement Activities Update
- Discovery Themes
- Conversations with Dr. Gee and Provost Alutto
- Distance Education and E-Learning
- MOOC's discussions and presentation of the Calculus MOOC at OSU
- Investment Update
- Update on Enrollment Plan, Student Financial Aid and Student Debt
- Office of Compliance Structure and Purpose
- Debt Leverage Presentation
- Governor's Budget Proposal
- Energy Issues
- Provost's Reserves and Planned Usage
- Student Life Financial Update in response to recommendations in the Student Life review

The following members are finishing their terms on the committee and I would like to thank them personally:

- Robert Perry – Chair of the Central Distribution Subcommittee
- Greg Rose – Co-Chair of the Central Services Subcommittee and a member for SFC for 8 years as the representative of the Executive Dean for the Regional Campuses
- Wes Boomgaarden – Co-Chair of the Central Services Subcommittee
- Bruce Weide
- Anil Makhija
- Tariq Azam – Inter-Professional Council
- Michael Cata – Undergraduate Student Government
- Brad Harris
- Dean Steinmetz