

Budget Committee, Academic Senate Report

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The Budget Committee held its first meeting for the 2021/22 school year on Monday, Sept. 27, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. via Zoom. During the school year, we meet on the fourth Monday of each month. The Budget Committee's charge reads:

The Bakersfield College Budget Committee is a governance committee that supports the college mission, goals, and values through comprehensive evaluation of data relevant to the college annual planning process for resource allocation and development of strategies to maximize funding.

A brief recap of the Budget Committee's most recent meeting follows. Please see the [Budget Committee's webpage](#) for meeting minutes, Budget Forum presentations, and other supporting documents from past meetings.

Review of Committee Charge and Budget Decision Criteria

We are in the process of reviewing and approving the Committee's Charge and the Budget Decision Criteria Document.

Nick Strobel are the faculty representatives on the District Wide Budget Committee. They continue to work on the of Budget Allocation Model (BAM) which accounts for fair distribution of any unallocated apportionment funds.

Budget and HEERF Spending Update

In lieu of VP Mike Giacomini's absence, interim President Zav Dadabhoy provided an update on HEERF spending. [Bipolar Ionization systems](#) were put in place in each of buildings on the Panorama and Delano campuses. HEERF funds are being used to create [flexible outdoor learning spaces](#). The first is underway.

District-wide Budget Committee

Nick Strobel reported that the first DWBC meeting was informational in nature. The DWBC plans to finalize a new District Budget Allocation Model (BAM) this year to more closely align with the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF). Preliminary calculations using a model presented by Cambridge West reveal a reduction in funds for BC. Nick and Manny will present more information at our next meeting.

Base Funding

FTEs still make up 70% of our funding. As enrollment numbers show, we need to continue to work with students and encourage them to stay on their educational journeys. Three-year averages used after the hold-harmless phase will impact future funding.

Future Work/Discussion Topics

Mapping coursework to help ensure completion of certificates are done in year 1 on the path to degree completion in year 2.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 25 at 4 pm

Happy Fall!