

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

**Committee on the Budget
2010-11 Annual Report**

Members of the Senate Budget Committee worked over the Summer in 2010 reviewing project reports from the Stewarding Excellence process (SEI). The reviews were uploaded to the comment section of the SEI website and forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee for use in their discussions with the Chancellor and Provost.

At the first meeting of the semester Associate Provost Mike Andrechak made a presentation to the Committee on the Campus financial position. The University budget remains a troubling issue in the 2010-11 academic year, but the situation was much more stable and the Urbana campus much better prepared to handle the difficulties. While the budget itself is little changed, the Federal stimulus funds are gone and the State continues to be significantly behind in payments to the University. At the time of Associate Provost Andrechak's presentation in September, the State was behind approximately \$250M in payments to the University. At the end of March 2011, the State was behind \$422M. However, the University has taken many actions over the course of the prior year that makes it better able to handle this cash-flow problem. Among the actions taken was VSIP which was taken by 400 people, netting \$25M in savings, and an increase in cash balances held by Campus units of \$62M.

The Committee decided it would be useful to create a "Budget Handbook" for use by faculty and staff on campus as a guide to understanding the University and Campus budget. The initial focus was to explain the lines and columns of the BSO Orange Book pertaining to the Urbana Campus budget. An outline for the handbook was created, and discussions took several meetings, but progress has been slow. The Handbook project may be continued by the 2011-12 Committee.

The Committee was joined by SEC Chair Tolliver for its December meeting for a discussion of the budget implications of the new UA positions. The concern was how these new positions would be paid for and whether. There was initially little information available with which to understand the budgetary aspects of these positions. In March, Chair Liss wrote to Vice President Knorr asking for information about the financing of the new UA positions and the staffing of their offices (letter attached). A response from Vice President Knorr was received on March 31 and was discussed at the final 2010-11 SBC meeting.

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