The Senate Committee on the Budget (SBC) met in 2017-2018 on September 9th, October 17th, November 14th, December 7th, February 13th, March 13th, and April 17th. The main points of these meetings are summarized below.

At all meetings except April 17th, SBC members discussed details from the Campus Budget Reform Steering Committee and Budget Reform Implementation Committee progress.

Overall, SBC was told that campus administration is seeking to develop a transparent budgeting model and financial management system that supports long-term campus strategy. Decision-making authority for budget planning and implementation will be much more decentralized and administered at the college and department levels.

SBC developed a brief survey for campus stakeholders (faculty, staff, and students). As noted below, the Provost’s Office listed the link to SBC’s survey on its website with the materials for the white paper and other references:

“The other form is submitted directly to the Urbana-Champaign Senate Committee on the Budget (Senate Budget Committee or “SBC”). The inclusion of the submitter’s contact information is optional. Feedback via this form will be compiled by the SBC, which will provide a unified response to the Office of the Provost and the Senate. Access the Senate Budget Committee Comment Form. Updated 12/21/2017.” Source: UIUC Office of the Provost, Integrated and Value-Centered Budgeting, last visited May 22, 2018.”

No activity was reported on the SBC survey. SBC recommends a more visible portal on the Senate’s website to encourage critical, factual, and supportive feedback about the new budget model.

Members of SBC met with the College of Law and Mathematics Department in May to inform these groups of the Committee’s interest in soliciting feedback. In the next year, SBC is planning a much broader outreach to encourage utilization of this feedback outlet.

Apart from the budget reform process, SBC received occasional updates on the FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets. Further details may be found in SBC minutes on file with the Senate office.