

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
(Final; Information)

BG.26.07 2025-2026 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on the Budget

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on the Budget (BG) during the 2025-2026 academic year. BG held four meetings during the fall 2025 semester (September 17, October 15, November 12, December 10) and three meetings during the spring 2026 semester (February 4, March 4, April 1). An additional meeting is scheduled for April 29. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

BG received relevant updates from the *ex officio* member from the Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration (formerly Office of the Provost).

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM AGENDA

BG.24.03, Discussion of Proposed Resolution on the Allocation of Funds to Address the Costs of Collective Bargaining Agreements

At the March 2024 meeting, Shawn Gilmore, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (LAS) senator and representative of the resolution sponsors, attended and shared a resolution regarding the allocation of funds to address the cost of collective bargaining agreements (RS.24.01, Resolution on the Allocation of Resources to Address Impacts of Collective Bargaining Agreements). Gilmore also attended the meeting on December 2025 to discuss the resolution. BG submitted a response as a report of information at the 03/09/2026 Senate meeting.

BG.26.01, Budgeting Cycle

At the November meeting, Jamie Hackett, Assistant Provost & Director of Budget Operations, attended to discuss the budgeting cycle. Hackett shared that the Integrated and Value-Centered Budget (IVCB) framework includes sources of funds for units, includes uses of funds for units and direct costs (Building and Space, Utilities, Capital Renewal/Deferred Maintenance) are attributed to all units.

BG.26.02, Impact of Reclassification of the Assessment Distribution Recommendation by the Integrated and Value-Centered Budget Steering Committee

A general discussion was had regarding the rainbow sheet in the budget packets and significant increases in cost between FY24 and FY25 for some units. Variable and fixed administrative costs were reassessed and some of them were recategorized, which may have contributed to the increase for some units.

BG.26.03, Proposed Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.4 – Committee on the Budget (membership)

At the March meeting, BG approved to send the proposed *Bylaws* revision to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP). The draft was submitted to SP on March 11, 2026 for review and submission to the Senate.

BG.26.04, Ninth Senate Review Commission Request for Committee Feedback from the Senate Committee on the Budget

A request from the Ninth Senate Review Commission (SR9) was received to provide feedback on BG’s charge, composition, and function. BG responded to the request on 03/16/2026.

BG.26.06, Trends in Administrative Costs

At the April meeting, Andrew Belmont, Professor, Cell and Developmental Biology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, attended to discuss trends in administrative costs. Belmont shared his concerns regarding increased administrative costs and a unit’s inability to use indirect cost recovery funds for certain services.

II. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

BG.26.05, Implementation of the Resolution on the Allocation of Resources to Address Impacts of Collective Bargaining Agreements (RS.24.01)

BG submitted a response to RS.24.01 at the 03/09/2026 Senate meeting. The Senate approved RS.24.01 (as amended) and returned the proposal to BG for further consideration. BG will continue to work on this matter in 2026-2027 academic year.

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