

Planning, Budget, and Facilities Committee's Annual Report for 2013-2014

Voting Members: Judith Garrison, Cathy MacGowan, Jane Wong, Lynn Roberts, Catherine Gilbert, Debra Behringer, Randall Reese, Beth Childress, Erik Nordenhaug

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The PBF committee met eight times during the academic year (four meetings in the Fall 2013 and four during the Spring 2014 semester).

Accomplishments

The PBF committee authored one Bill (the every third year salary study bill) which passed the senate, a Resolution related to the Faculty Budget Priorities Survey and the Faculty Budget Priorities Report currently being submitted for senate approval.

The PBF committee completed a year long project of collecting faculty planning suggestions and creating a formal record of what faculty think the most important budget priorities should be at Armstrong. No formal record of what the majority of faculty at Armstrong think the budget priorities ought to be had been created at Armstrong until now. Developing a sense of and a record of faculty consensus is relevant to the goal of "shared governance". The PBF 2013-14 committee has attempted to do this and hopes that in the future, this exercise in both measuring and solidifying faculty concerns regarding the budget occur regularly in some kind of survey (every three years perhaps). The task was daunting but the committee having approved the final report and resolution in its last meeting achieved its goal within the academic year as planned.

The creation, distribution, and analysis of Armstrong's first Faculty Budget Priorities Survey count among its accomplishments as well as the completion of the Faculty Budget Priorities Report, the collection of Planning suggestions in Appendix C of the report, and the creation of the corresponding faculty senate resolution supported by the report.

Additional details of PBF's budget related conversations and concerns can be found in our minutes throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PBF Committee Chair