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Bill 79-16-B1: Bill to Adopt the University Budget Advisory Committee Charter

PURPOSE: For the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Murray State University to adopt the University Budget Advisory Committee charter as an officially recognized standing committee.

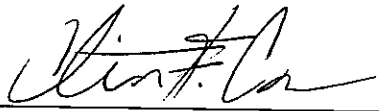
WHEREAS: Shared governance is a critical function of the Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: University budgeting should be a transparent process including all stakeholders of the university

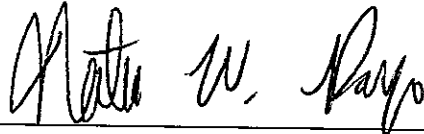
THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Murray State University adopts the University Budget Advisory Committee charter as presented and attached.

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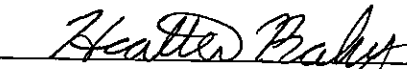
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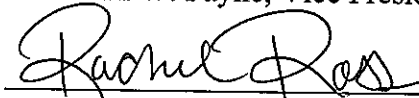
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## University Budget Advisory Committee

Purpose: Serves as an advisory committee to the President to discuss budgetary recommendations and priorities.

### **Membership:**

1. Two members appointed by the Faculty Senate
2. Two members appointed by the Staff Congress
3. Two members appointed by the Student Government Association
4. Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services or his/her designee (ex officio)
5. President or his/her designee (ex officio)

The process for selection and their respective length of terms of the two members from each of the Faculty Senate, Staff Congress and Student Government Association are to be determined by the respective body.

The Budget Officer, or other appointed staff member, will serve in a support staff role for the committee.

### **Charge of the University Budget Advisory Committee:**

As the University has a comprehensive Strategic Plan approved by the Board of Regents on June 5, 2015, for the years 2015-2022, the budgetary priorities of the University are meant to align with the Strategic Plan. The Committee has an advisory role to assist in these efforts and other priorities as they arise. (This statement speaks to the connection of budget priorities with the Strategic Plan in alignment with shared governance practices.)

The University Budget Advisory Committee will provide thoughts, insights and recommendations on the overall annual budget. The committee will also provide specific recommendations on the overall budgeting priorities and large-scale initiatives. These recommendations will be evaluated by the President of the University.

The focus of the committee is to have a university-wide perspective and while the committee may make recommendations within the overall University budget and the process, the purpose of this committee is not to review specific unit budgetary items or particular line items within the University or college/school/unit budgets.

The members of the committee are also charged with serving as an important communication link to and from their respective governing bodies.

In times of financial distress, within the spirit of shared governance, the President may expand this committee and/or create additional specific task forces to meet the immediate needs of the University. The President will evaluate the purpose and charge of this committee every three years.

### **Justification for Motion/Resolution (Why the change is needed):**

Ultimately, the President is responsible for submitting the University Budget to the Board of Regents, through the Finance Committee, and they are charged with approving the University Budget. In order for this to occur, forming a University Budget Advisory Committee will create an important step in the budgeting process and will ensure broad participation and communication in this process. Additionally, through consistent communication, a fuller understanding of the complexities and intricacies of the planning and budgeting process should be achieved.