



FACULTY SENATE PROPOSAL FSP 2019/2020-07

PROPOSAL NAME: BUDGET REPRESENTATION AND TRANSPARENCY

STATED PROPOSAL

The UCO Faculty Senate proposes the UCO Administration include Faculty Senate representation in any University Budget discussions, and also provide a copy of the current Budget to the UCO Faculty Senate on an annual basis.

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION

Recognizing the vital role the University of Central Oklahoma faculty plays in shared governance, the faculty, the administration, and the Regional University System of Oklahoma established the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Association and its Faculty Senate. It is crucial to remember that the UCO Faculty Senate shall serve as the official voice of the UCO Faculty Association and its members.

In times when university budgets are uncertain, it is the belief of the UCO Faculty that transparency in budgeting is as important now as it has ever been. Recognizing that hard decisions will be made regarding the university's budget, the UCO Faculty feel that it is more imperative than ever to have a faculty voice included in any budget negotiations.

The UCO Faculty Senate proposes the UCO Administration affirm its commitment to faculty on our campus by demonstrating transparency in the budgeting process to the UCO Faculty. More equitable and transparent budgeting is critical to maintaining faculty morale and preventing an assumption of discrepancies within and between divisions and colleges at UCO. Absent the disclosure of the actual budget numbers, the UCO Faculty are left to assume what that data may be and we strongly believe that should be made readily available to stakeholders of a public institution.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There should be no cost created by providing a copy of the UCO Budget to the UCO Faculty Senate.

*This proposal submitted to the UCO Faculty Senate on 30 April 2020 by the **FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***