

University of Utah  
Faculty Budget and Planning Advisory Committee  
Annual Report  
2006-2007

1. Committee Membership: James Anderson; Hank Bessembinder; Marlene Egger; James Ehleringer; James Gander; David Kiefer; and Kathi Mooney (chair)
2. Meetings:

October 13, 2006 with Paul Brinkman on budget, financial and legislative issues with emphasis on budget policy;

November 10, 2006 committee discussion and planning session

December 1, 2006 with Dave Pershing on University long range planning with emphasis on budget scenarios, faculty compensation, impact of aging professoriate, credit hour funding approaches and fostering transdisciplinary collaborations;

February 16, 2007 with Robert Newman on interdisciplinary initiatives

March 2, 2007 with Fred Esplin on marketing and plans for the upcoming capitol campaign;

April, 2007 with Ray Gestland on planning around the tightening of available federal funding for research
3. Considerations: At each meeting the committee members asked for University administration's perspective on planning in their areas of responsibility and where applicable, budget issues/policies. The committee members then provided perspective on the impact of current directions/plans on faculty. In addition each Administrative representative was asked how they seek faculty input into decisions and suggestions were offered how to enhance input.
4. Recommendations: These meetings were very informative and an active exchange. Generally the committee encouraged administrators to increase their efforts to get the word out to faculty on current plans and resources. This included more interaction with the Senate and perhaps a web page easily accessed by faculty which would provide more up to date information on new initiatives and administrative plans and opportunities for input.