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To: Faculty Senate

From: Craig Parks, Chair, Committee on Committees

Re: Potential restructuring of Budget committee

Last semester the Senate asked the Committee on Committees (CoC) to look at the structure of the Budget, Graduate Studies, and Research and Arts committees to determine if they are adequate and appropriate given the current charges of those committees. This memo reports on the CoC findings in regard to the **Budget** Committee.

The Budget Committee consists of six at-large faculty members, with the proviso that at least one have his/her primary office somewhere other than Pullman; one graduate student; two undergraduate students; non-voting representatives of Academic Affairs (AAC) and Faculty Affairs (FAC); and ex officio representatives of the Provost, Vice-President for Business Affairs, and Budget Office.

The Senate's concern was with whether six members is enough to adequately represent the many budget-related points of view across colleges and units. The CoC looked at a typical year's workload for Budget, and also talked with Richard Toolson, the current chair of Budget. They also attempted to talk with recent past chairs of Budget, but were unsuccessful in getting responses. Despite this, the CoC's unanimous conclusion is that Budget functions well with six members, and can (and does) solicit input from unrepresented units if they feel it necessary. The CoC therefore recommends that **the membership of Budget be left as is.**