Budget and Priorities Committee

The Budget and Priorities Committee met 5 times over the course of the 2014-2015 academic year. During this year, the primary goal of the committee was to (a) redefine the scope of the Committee’s role, and (b) understand the implications of the University reorganization on the University Budget. During these meetings, multiple representative of the Administration were present to discuss the ongoing issues with the University budget (in separate occasions the committee met with the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Provost and vice-provost, and the senior financial staff. Ex-officio committee member Dean Sahagian was present at all meetings).

The committee produced a report that was disseminated university-wide and constituted a comprehensive diagram representing the overall cash flow and distribution of resources as far as the Medford Campus operations are concerned. These reports are archived with the Secretary of the Faculty for AS&E. The findings were also presented to the university at the Faculty Meetings on December 3, 2014 and February 25, 2015.

It is the chair’s opinion that the Budget and Priorities committee’s role is set to change and, as discussed with the Provost, more active participation in the decision-making process and a more effective advisory role is a desirable path forward to represent effectively and pro-actively the faculty in this crucial piece of the Tufts ecosystem.