

Faculty Representative Assembly Budget Advisory Committee
UBAC Report for 2/27/14

We are still waiting for final approval of the budget for higher education. PPCC wants to offer a BA degree in culinary arts. Classified staff is looking at getting a 4.5% increase (remember, they took two years with no raises and were forced to take a cut in take-home pay for increased contributions to PERA). Faculty merit increases should be at 3%. CU system anticipates a 3.5% increase in tuition for resident students next year. This will probably be the lowest tuition increase in the state.

There is 6.7 million dollars for investment allocation. UBAC will consider the proposed allocation from the leadership team at the next meeting. The largest percentage (34.3%) is already committed to ten new faculty lines (up from earlier proposed eight). There will also be proposed increases in staff to administration and finance (11%0, student success (9.7%), advancement (5.4%) and IT (3%). Also, as has been the practice for years, there will be monies allocated to the maintenance and repair of infrastructure, strategic initiatives and contingencies anticipation (i.e., hedging against future unforeseen problems, 35.3%).

For those of us who have been on UBAC for a while, it was nice to see monies available to distribute.