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To: The Campus Community

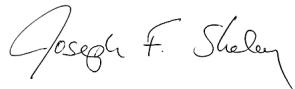
As we close out 2012, I want to update the campus community on two matters. First, many people have inquired about the status of the ad hoc working group to propose a charge, membership, and implementation processes method for a new committee to examine possible cooperative, budget-relieving activities across campus divisions. I met recently with the working group and am pleased to report that they are progressing well. They expect to have a proposal to me soon. Once in hand, I'll move the proposal forward through our various consultative processes. I thank the committee for their hard work to date and in advance for the finished proposal.

Second, we are moving along with reconsideration of the charge, membership, and leadership structure of the University Budget Advisory Committee. To date, we have gathered campus community comments on UBAC and proposals for its potential revision. It is time now to put those data and suggestions to use in crafting a formal proposal for restructuring UBAC. To accomplish this, after considerable consultation, I have appointed an "Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Changes in UBAC." Details about the committee's creation, its charge, timeline, and consultative steps are available in a memo from me to the campus community posted on the [UBAC website](#). In brief, the ad hoc committee is asked to study the proposals and recommendations gathered to date, seek other data as necessary, and propose a revised UBAC structure (assuming its study leads to the conclusion that one is necessary). In line with good governance-consultation practices and with shared governance processes, the proposals fashioned by the ad hoc committee will be shared at various stages of development with the campus community. In particular, a fully drafted proposal will be shared with the Academic Senate for consideration as a resolution to be forwarded to me in line with the shared governance relationship between administration and faculty.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend Changes in UBAC are faculty member Kurt Baker (Psychology; co-chair), VP for Faculty Affairs and Human Resources Dennis Shimek (co-chair), faculty member David Lindsay (Accounting), University Budget Manager Michelle Legg, Academic Affairs

Senior Budget Analyst, Gary Torngren, staff member Tammy Giannini (Advising Resource Center), and student member Shanice Jackson (ASI President). I have asked them to complete their proposal by March 15, 2013, and I thank them in advance for their efforts to do so.

I am grateful to everyone who helped create a process by which to move the UBAC restructuring conversation to the next important level. Their hard work and helpful suggestions have resulted in a deliberative and transparent process that honors the spirit of consultation within our university. It is a point of pride for all of us.



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