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Report from Senate Representatives to Budget Advisory Committees

Indudeep Chhachhi and I served as Senate representatives to the Budget Advisory Committees of President Ransdell and Provost Emslie during the 2014-15 academic year. This report summarizes these committees' activities.

The Provost's Budget Advisory Committee is composed of faculty members from across the university and met several times in the fall semester. The committee's main focus was improving faculty compensation. The committee agreed that improving faculty compensation is critical and for several months debated the relative merits of implementing across-the-board and merit raise schemes. The committee did not reach a consensus on how to implement raises and did not meet in the spring.

The President's Budget Advisory Committee is composed of faculty, staff, and administrators from across the university. The committee's most significant meetings took place in February and March. The committee offered President Ransdell advice on prioritizing budget items as the university works to fill a tuition revenue hole and shifts certain expenses from carry-forward funding to the formal budget. The committee also recommended that the University develop a multi-year, budgeted salary increase plan for faculty and staff.

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