

MEMORANDUM

To: Gerard St. Amand, President
Cc: Members of Executive Team and Ashish Vaidya, Incoming President
From: Faculty Senate
Re: Budget recommendation for fiscal year 2019 and beyond
Date: April 30, 2018

The Faculty Senate of Northern Kentucky University endorses the recommendations put forth by the Faculty Senate Budget Committee as detailed in its report “Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) (and beyond) budget based on 2018 faculty budget priorities survey” dated April 30, 2018.

If the Executive Team concludes that it is necessary to make budget adjustments for fiscal year 2019 that are not consistent with these recommendations, the Faculty Senate advises that general expectations of collegial governance be fulfilled by providing justifications for these deviations and by seeking comment from the Faculty Senate before presenting the budget to the Board of Regents. If timing precludes getting input from the full Faculty Senate, its constitution grants the Faculty Senate Executive Committee the authority to provide comment on the Senate’s behalf.

Looking ahead, the Faculty Senate advises the president to encourage collaboration between incoming and current members of the Executive Team and faculty members by continuing and enhancing ongoing conversations about budget priorities, considerations that go into the planning process, and how funds are allocated during the fiscal year to align with priorities. This process aligns with the guiding principles of the new budget model (<https://inside.nku.edu/strategicplanning/guiding-principles.html>) and also the Faculty Senate Budget Committee’s bylaws, which promote its involvement before, during, and after the budget process (see https://inside.nku.edu/content/dam/facultysenate/docs/Budget_Committee_BY-LAWS.pdf).

Furthermore, the senate advises the president to follow specific steps laid out in article I, section C of the Faculty Senate Constitution in the event he disagrees with the above recommendations.