

## Future Goals and Questions

### Questions and goals for the future (to share with the campus now and work toward in the coming months):

1. How can the district or college provide grant writing guidance or support to Schools and Colleges?
  - a. Should there be PD and/or reassigned time provided for folx to write grants?
  - b. Providing guidance on efficient grant maintenance (collecting data, reporting, etc.)
  - c. This could result in a document we link from the "Budget Overview Webpage" (working title)
2. Facilitate communication and collaboration around budgeting in particular.
3. Regarding the Budget Processes Draft, under "Department Chair or Program Director identifies that need in Program Review\* and discusses with the Dean what resources are available to obtain that need." (\* The PR process as it relates to funding/budget requests ought to be revisited—might benefit from a workgroup.)  
**see below for duplicate language**
  - a. There are concerns among all constituencies (including the President and VPI) that Program Review contains so many requests that it can be difficult to know how to separate them and to highlight the truly critical needs.
  - b. This is related to the following potential recommendation: (a mechanism to track and fulfill important funding requests)
    - i. Perhaps after x amount of time (or some other mechanism), a "critical request" rises to the top
  - c. What's the role of Program Review data here?
  - d. What happens to Program Review requests that aren't fulfilled?
    - i. Are they tracked?
    - ii. Can they be included in future planning/budget allocation/decision-making processes?
  - e. Possible solution or next step: maybe recommend a joint workgroup from BRDS and PROA
  - f. *Regarding the Budget Processes Draft, under "Item is either funded or not. If not, and no funds are available at the Dean or Budget Manager level (through grants, state awarded funding, etc.), there may be other avenues to explore."*

- i. *Consider recommending the following: Identify some mechanism to track this/fulfill important funding requests? There is concern that if every request goes through PR, some of them may get lost or overlooked.*
  1. *All requests for funding should receive a reply. When items in PR are not approved, folx should be notified and there should be some way to track it. Perhaps there could be a simple template that includes basic information including decision and rationale.*
  2. *Rather than PR being the catch-all for everything, we used to do develop smaller plans where folx could prioritize things that are most important*
  3. *We need another process to ensure that critical materials are identified and highlighted for purchase*
  4. *"What requests should be where?"*

4. **Since BRDS is too late and the funds too small, how can constituents get involved in the larger budget discussions and inform the high-level budget decision-making process among Deans and VPs?**

- If the budget (the pie) isn't getting bigger, can we revisit how we divide that budget (slice the pie)?
- Perhaps this takes place at the Senate Level
- Perhaps this occurs at School or Division meetings early in the academic year (or somehow to inform the budget allocation process for the next year)
  - These groups could share their needs with the Senates for the sake of information sharing

5. **Develop a best practices or guidance documents for leaders to share.**

- a. Chairs could develop this at the Chairs Committee
- b. Deans could develop this at their Deans Council