

At the March 13th meeting the IUC discussed the process for assuring public comment and transparency related to a proposed new budget model. The Council agreed that posting the Budget Redesign Committee's presentation on the website without someone from the committee being available to answer questions or explain the details would not be productive. If you would like to provide input to the committee, or wish to receive additional information about the proposal, please attend either or both of the two open forums. (March 30th 12 noon and April 5th 2:00 pm both in the Martha Culp Auditorium) and / or send questions or comments to Dr. Larry Calhoun, Committee Co-chair, [Calhoun@etsu.edu](mailto:Calhoun@etsu.edu). To the extent possible, these questions will be addressed at the forums.

The meetings currently scheduled are:

- Academic Council – March 23rd
- Faculty Senate – March 27th
- SGA – March 28th
- Open Forum – March 30th
- Open Forum – April 5th
- Dean's Council – April 6th
- Staff Senate – April 10th
- Student Affairs Council – April 25th

The IUC also suggested that a list of the questions that have been submitted to the committee that will be address at the meetings and open forums be noted:

- How will “hold-harmless” be implemented?
- Will previous growth be recognized in the new model?
- How will Leadership readiness be addressed?
- Is this a significant cultural change for the University?
- Will the new model promote competition between Departments and Colleges?
- Will implementation of the new model be driven to the Department Chair / Faculty level?
- Will there be “rules for engagement” for Colleges collaborating / competing for students?
- Some felt differential tuition would help students getting scholarship support.

- How are small department budgets determined? Will the model address small department support?
- Will the model assure that student fees stay in the College?
- Will the model address Administration moving funds from one College to another?
- Is the 50/50 carryover enough of an incentive to prevent an increase in spending near the end of the year?
- Are all Administrative units frozen at the 2016 budget level? How will they get an increase in support, if needed?
- How will hold-harmless work and for how long?
- Is the hold-harmless approach just managing anxiety about change?
- Strong support for the provision of education for leaders as a new model is implemented.

Note: The Budget Redesign Committee's presentation to IUC is available on the IUC website: [http://www.etsu.edu/president/interim-council/documents/budget\\_redesign\\_iuc\\_02132017.pdf](http://www.etsu.edu/president/interim-council/documents/budget_redesign_iuc_02132017.pdf)