

X. THE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES GROUP

A. Membership

The Planning and Priorities Group shall be composed of the four division Chairs of the Faculty, the Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, the Secretary of the Faculty, the two faculty trustees, three students (full-time, day-time, undergraduates) to be appointed by the Student Committee on Committees, two members of the staff to be appointed by the Director of Human Relations for three-year terms with the possibility of reappointment, the Vice Presidents, the Chief Diversity Officer, and resource people deemed helpful to the discussions of the Planning and Priorities Group. The President of the College shall chair the group.

B. Responsibilities

The Planning and Priorities Group shall review and recommend to the President policies concerning long-range planning, the establishment of College priorities, and the preparation of annual budgets. In so doing, the Group shall be concerned with the use of current or proposed facilities, with the financial implications of proposed or anticipated institutional changes, and with all academic and non-academic issues of long-range importance. It shall have the specific responsibility of evaluating the extent to which the annual budget of the College responds to established College priorities.

C. Procedures

The Administration shall provide the Faculty members of the Planning and Priorities Group with complete and timely information relevant to long-range planning and budget issues. To ensure an open and continuing debate over the direction of the College, the President shall prepare for the Group an annual written assessment of the state of the College. This report shall address the suitability of the short- and long-term goals of the College, the progress made during the past year toward attainment of the goals, and future resource requirements.

Normally the Group will concern itself with the development of budgetary priorities and a review of the preliminary budget during the Fall term. Other responsibilities will normally be undertaken during the Winter and Spring terms.

The Planning and Priorities Group will meet at the request of the President and will consider whatever business the President, or designee, places before it.

D. Sub-Group

The Benefits Committee is a standing sub-group of the Planning and Priorities Group (P&P) that makes recommendations to P&P regarding faculty and staff benefits. The Faculty Compensation Committee comprises the faculty membership of the committee. Two administrative staff members, one of whom is designated as the committee's co-chair, and two hourly staff members are nominated