

FIPC Committee Report 11/16/2016

Background

- In its committee report on 9/7/2016 and 10/19/2016 the FIPC reported on the new budget for the Senate.
- During meeting 583 of the senate on 10/19/2016 the FIPC was asked to present the new budget as a proposal in order to allow the full Senate to vote on the budget.

FIPC Conclusion

After careful consideration the FIPC has voted that it will not draft a proposal regarding the senate budget. The motivation is as follows:

- There is no evidence in the bylaws or constitution to support the notion that the senate has any authority in this area.
- Asking the Senate to approve the budget is pointless; whether the Senate approves or disapproves the budget each year is immaterial because the budget will have already been formally approved by the administration.
- The Provost has been gracious in working with the FIPC to address concerns regarding the Senate budget that were raised last year. The committee does not see a need to formalize a process that appears to be working well informally.
- The committee believes the Senate should choose its battles wisely; when there are important A list and B list items that could be addressed, it doesn't seem prudent to spend our time on something that isn't even in our purview.