

TO: University Senate

FROM: Gwendolyn Thompson McMillon, Chair
Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC)

RE: Annual Report

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The Senate Budget Review Committee initially began the 2009/2010 academic year combined with the Senate Planning Review Committee. After the decision was made to divide the committees and responsibilities, SBRC attempted to fulfill responsibilities according to the SBRC charge received from the Senate Steering Committee.

The following program reviews were completed and a report sent to the Senate via the Senate Steering Committee:

1. Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science
2. Master of Arts in Communication
3. Master of Science in Nursing, Clinical Nurse Leadership
4. Master of Science in Mechatronics
5. Doctor of Medicine, William Beaumont School of Medicine
6. Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

The SBRC also submitted to the Senate additional clarifications to the *Streamlined Proposal Process* that will improve the budgetary review process by requiring documentation from the dean(s) of the proposing academic unit(s), and timely proposal submissions allowing for review and discussion in at least two regularly scheduled meetings.

In addition to completing program reviews and making recommendations to improve the budget review process, SBRC met with Provost Virinder Moudgil and John Beaghan, Vice President for Finance & Administration, to discuss the proposed university budget and other financial concerns. A complete report was forwarded to the Senate. Another meeting will take place before the final budget is presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval in June 2010.