

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 18, 2025

To: Senate Steering Committee

From: Chaturi Edrisinha, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LBA-D
Chair, Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC)

RE: Senate Budget Review Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

During the 2024–2025 academic year, the Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC) undertook the following activities:

1. Program Proposal Reviews

The Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the following academic programs:

- Master of Science in Bioengineering
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Data Science
- Bachelor of Science in Smart Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology
- Master of Science in Smart Manufacturing

2. Meetings and Workload

- The Committee convened eight times during the academic year, with each meeting lasting approximately 1.5 hours and held via Zoom.
- In addition to scheduled meetings, members devoted an estimated 2–3 hours of asynchronous review for each program proposal.

3. Meeting Dates

- 10-07-2024
- 10-21-2024
- 10-27-2024
- 11-18-2024
- 12-02-2024
- 01-13-2025
- 01-27-2025
- 02-10-2025
- 04-25-2025

The SBRC, in conjunction with the SPRC, participated in the annual university budget briefing on 04-25-2025, delivered by President Ora Pescovitz, Vice President for Finance and Administration Stephen Mackey, and Interim Provost Kevin Corcoran.

President Pescovitz, reported on several key areas of progress:

- **Advocacy and State Funding:** Successful advocacy efforts in Lansing resulted in unprecedented state funding support for the university. This year's budget includes an \$11.5 million increase in operations funding and a 19% year-over-year increase in state appropriations. When the *Strive for 45* campaign began prior to the pandemic, Oakland University received approximately \$3,500 per FYES (Fiscal Year Equated Student). For 2024–2025, state funding will rise to \$4,754 per FYES, representing the second-highest percentage increase among Michigan's 15 public universities.
- **Enrollment:** The university has stabilized enrollment following recent challenges.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Ongoing fiscal responsibility continues to be demonstrated, including implementation of Phase II of a 10.4% across-the-board expenditure reduction that was applied last fiscal year.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Stephen Mackey, cancelled the previously scheduled meeting to brief the SBRC and SPRC on the University Budget, electing instead to incorporate his briefing into the above summarized annual report.

Michele St. Denis served as a representative from the Provost Office and an Ex-officio member of SBRC. Members found this addition from the Provost Office invaluable as proposers were able to receive direct feedback from the provost office and modify their proposals accordingly.

SBRC Chair for 2024-2025, Chaturi Edrisinha, agreed to serve as SBRC Chair again in 2025-2026.

Members of the SBRC: 2024-2025 AY

2023-2026 Faculty Appointments

Henry Aigbedo (SBA)

Jonathan Maisonneuve (SECS) Fall 2024 Leave Replaced Shapna Akter

Megan Schoen (CAS)

2024-2027 Faculty Appointments

Chaturi Edrisinha (SEHS) CHAIR 2024-2025

Wendi Johnson (CAS)

2023-2025 Faculty Appointments

Claudia Grobbel (SHS)

2024-2027 Advising Appointment (AP Assembly)

Dan Arnold (e-Lis)

Staff and Ex-Officio Appointments

Michele Knox (Director of Budget and Financial Planning)

Michele St. Denis (Provost Office)

SBRC e-space/drive