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At the first Faculty Senate meeting of this Executive Council, we defined 3 separate goals, each of which have been addressed during a tumultuous and difficult academic year. The goals and outcomes are defined in the following list.

- 1) **Development of an overload policy** This policy has been reviewed multiple times by our Faculty Status & Welfare Committee and the Executive Council and resides at the Associate Provost level for distribution and implementation.
- 2) Review the quality and offerings of online classes This effort culminated in the formation of a Distance Education Council, with representation from each college, which released a revised distance education policy. The Council has named a Director and is currently undergoing a budgetary planning model on a three year cycle under a cost study, and not a cost recovery basis. The final report is scheduled for release to the campus in May. While the completed policy remains in progress, it includes defined oversight, programmatic control and a more appropriate funding approach.
- 3) Gain input into the budget process of the University A Chancellor's Planning and Budget Advisory Committee was formed as a constituency-based steering body for budget planning, budget decisions and implementation. The members are divided into multiple subcommittees, including the IT committee, the Revenue Enhancement committee and the Efficiency Task Force Committee. The CPBAC enacted a 4% average rescission across the colleges on a scaled approach. The matrix used to delineate the scale was based upon efficiency measures, as agreed upon by Deans and distilled by the subcommittee membership. This first attempt to implement budgetary decisions using a performance-based matrix demarks a new and enlightened budgetary approach for this campus.

By all measures outlined during this first meeting, the Executive Council has completed a very successful and productive year of work. While sometimes controversial and rarely boring or unresponsive, serving on the Executive Council has been a very interesting, enlightening and participatory exercise in political action.

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The Council originated the following resolutions, which were introduced and/or approved by the Faculty Senate:

FS1103, Endorsement of the Faculty Advisory Council of the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Statement of Share Governance in Budget Decision-Making and Policy Implementation, Approved July 13, 2011

FSM1101-02, Motion to Approve the Appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair to the Judicial Review Board, Approved December 14, 2010

Motion to Approve the Statement on Shared Governance, Approved February 8, 2011.