

Understanding Budget Planning & Implementation at UAF

Part One—Budget Planning and Development

How UAF develops its operating and capital budget requests

Guiding inputs for budget planning



Budget development is a multi-year process and is guided by the state budget climate, UA System guidelines, Board of Regents priorities, and UAF's Strategic Plan. The UAF Planning and Budget Committee (PBC) reviews institutional priorities, evaluates budget proposals, and provides recommendations that inform long-range planning related to mission fulfillment including enrollment, instruction, public service, research, and facilities management.

Using these inputs, the Chancellor and Core leadership establish UAF's overall priorities for the upcoming budget cycle, and follow UA System Office budget guidelines annually.

Campus requests and the Planning & Budget Committee (PBC)

Individuals and groups from colleges, research units, and administrative areas may submit requests for funding support each year to the Planning and Budget Committee (PBC). Solicitation of budget proposals from units normally begins 20 to 24 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the request is made.

PBC is composed of faculty, staff, leadership, and governance representatives and reviews proposals for potential inclusion in UAF's budget request to the state. The committee provides a ranked list of recommended funding items to the Chancellor.



Finalizing UAF's operating and capital budget requests



Utilizing the UA System budget guidance, PBC's list and evaluating additional campus-wide needs such as fixed costs, the Chancellor and Core Cabinet finalize UAF's operating and capital budget requests. These are submitted to the UA System Office, where they are combined with requests from UAA, UAS, and the System Office.

The UA President, Chancellors, and system leadership prepare the UA budget, which the Board of Regents reviews and approves each fall.

From UA budget to the state budget process

Once approved, the request enters the state budget process. The Governor releases an initial budget in December, followed by legislative review and revisions during the legislative session throughout the spring. UA and UAF advocate for the budget but there is no guarantee that funding will be received for all or any requests.

After the Legislature and Governor finalize appropriations, the UA President determines the final distribution of state funds across the universities based on system priorities, emerging needs, and any university specific items that were outlined in the approved budget.

