

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND MODIFICATION OF THE UNIFIED  
BUDGET MODEL (09/2)**

WHEREAS, the Administration has adopted the “Unified Budget Model” (UBM) and that model is playing a significant role in determining the funding for, and strength of, academic programs in the various Schools of the University;

WHEREAS, the UBM specifically claims that “(o)nly those activities that a school can control are included in determining the budgeted margin” and has interpreted that control to refer to the “continuing undergraduate students enrolled in a school’s on-campus programs during the academic year”, so that, for example, “under the Unified Budget Model, no tuition revenue is allocated to one school for teaching students enrolled in other schools”;

WHEREAS, these two provisions of the UBM are incompatible with an environment where students should not be impeded in seeking inter-school majors and minors which require the resources and attention of at least two schools and which schools could control by denying students access to these interschool majors and minors and course enrollment;

WHEREAS, the current system provides an undesirable financial incentive for departments and faculty to discriminate among students majoring in the same subject based on the school in which they are enrolled;

WHEREAS, the *Faculty Code* Section IX.A. entitles faculty to “an active role ...” including “an opportunity to make recommendations” when budgetary decisions under schemes such as the UBM have substantial implications for the strength and continuation of academic programs, the welfare of students, and the teaching and learning environment; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

That the potentially dysfunctional provision of the UBM be eliminated by amending the provisions in the “Closing Out the Budget at Year End” sections (pages 3 and 4) of the current Unified Budget model to provide for equal division of tuition revenue from undergraduate students based on their declared candidacy for majors offered by the various schools rather than based solely on school of enrollment. This recommended change is to take effect in fiscal year 2010.

Committee on Fiscal Planning and Budgeting  
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