

## NLG Proposal for a UC Davis Student Budget Policy Committee

### **Mission**

1. Primary Goal
  - a. To serve as the student voice regarding budgetary concerns in order to apply pressure to the Dean's Office and the greater UC system to bring down professional fees.
2. Student Body Outreach
  - a. Educate the student body through a lunch meeting on budget issues at least twice a semester
  - b. Solicit input from the student body through townhall style meetings at least twice a semester
  - c. Prepare a presentation for orientation week for 1L's that explains the budget process from a student perspective
    - i. Inform incoming 1L's of the purpose of the committee, how they can get involved, and why such a new committee matters here at Davis and within the broader context of the UC law school system
    - ii. Articulate the concern that tuition matters because high tuitions limit career choice upon graduation due to high levels of debt
3. Information Gathering and Analysis
  - a. Responsible for acquiring all documents related to the budget situation
  - b. Maintain a website that allows access to the documents by the student population
  - c. Create summaries of relevant documents for faster comprehension by students
4. Working with the Administration
  - a. Monthly meetings with the Deans to discuss student concerns and remain informed about the Deans' vision of the school
5. Community outreach
  - a. Network with other UC schools to build state-wide coalition regarding budget
  - b. Provide best practices to other schools
  - c. Determine as needed outreach to media in order to inform the broader community about tuition control efforts

### **Structure**

1. Qualifications
  - a. Persons running should have a strong commitment to budget issues
  - b. Demonstrate a desire to participate in the committee for all three years to maximize the continuation of institutional knowledge

2. Five Voting members
  - a. Numbers
    1. One of these 3Ls is the Chair of the committee
  - b. Responsibility
    - i. Makes the final decision about what policies the committee should adopt
    - ii. Primarily responsible for the analysis and synthesis of the budget documents
3. Three Non-voting members
  - a. Numbers
    - i. 2 1Ls, 1 2L
  - b. Responsibility
    - i. Primarily responsible for organizing the student body
    - ii. Set up the meetings with student body and deans
    - iii. Analogous to outreach, publicity, and secretary positions

### **Selection**

1. The five voting members will be elected positions
  - a. Each class votes for its class level representative
2. The three non-voting members will be selected by the elected officials through an application process.
3. Thus, the five voting members should be elected at the end of the school year (with the exception of the 1L rep) with the three non-voting members selected at the beginning of the subsequent school year.

The idea is that non-voting members will eventually become the voting members of the higher classes, thus carrying institutional knowledge from year to year.