



GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Budget Committee

February 12, 2026

3 – 4:30 pm

[Zoom](#)

Meeting Summary

Purpose The Budget Committee encourages transparency and constituency understanding of the budget, works to ensure that the budget allocation process is driven by college-wide planning and strategic priorities, and provides recommendations to the College Council on issues related to budget development and management.

In addition, the Budget Committee provides ongoing oversight in relation to budget changes and information at the State and District levels.

Quorum – Quorum is achieved when 50% plus one of voting members are in attendance.

Consensus – Consensus is reached when 75% of those present are in agreement.

Proxies – Each constituency may send up to two proxy attendees per meeting. Proxy attendees are given full discussion and decision-making rights.

CO-CHAIRS	ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF GROSSMONT COLLEGE	ADVISORY
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair, Meya Alomar	<input type="checkbox"/> Sara Markowitz	<input type="checkbox"/> Joan Ahrens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair, Janice Fischer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Khaley Kaesser	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kirstin Campbell	

ACADEMIC SENATE	CLASSIFIED SENATE	ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bergovoy (2022 – 2025)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Campbell (2025-2028)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sara Varghese
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiya Rainbolt (2023 – 2026)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Fischer (2023 – 2026)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veronica Romero
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perla Lopez (2024 – 2027)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Hanssen (2024 – 2027)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loren Holmquist
		Guest:
RECORDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Sparks		

ROUTINE BUSINESS	
1. Public Comment (5 Minutes)	No public comment.
2. Welcome	Janice Fischer reported that Meya Alomar will not be in attendance at today's meeting. She welcomed the members. Quorum met. Sara Varghese will provide the student representatives for the Committee once they are determined.
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda	No additions or deletions
4. Approve Meeting Notes & Follow-up	December 11, 2025 Meeting Summary moved forward as final.

NEW BUSINESS

<p>1. AUPs for Review</p>	<p>Patty Sparks presented the compiled rankings from the committee members (link). The members decided to submit all ranked request to move forward to College Council. The compiled rankings from highest score to lowest is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="534 401 1528 783"> <thead> <tr> <th align="center">AUP</th> <th align="center">Rank</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>MSNSEW – Biology Lab Equipment</td> <td align="center">640</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AHN – OTA Curriculum</td> <td align="center">602</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ALC – Speech and Debate Budget Augmentation</td> <td align="center">570</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ALC – Costume Budget</td> <td align="center">510</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Academic Senate – Budget Augmentation</td> <td align="center">374</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Academic Senate – RT for JEDI and Mediation Committee</td> <td align="center">368</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Athletics – Passenger Vans</td> <td align="center">360</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Committee understands that the funding allocated for the AUPs listed above consists of one-time funds. Regardless of how the AUPs are ranked, ongoing funding requests may be excluded from consideration.</p> <p><i>Action taken:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Committee reviewed the ranking scores and agreed to forward to College Council for review</i> • <i>Patty Sparks will confirm with VPAS Alomar whether ongoing funding requests should be removed from the final submission, and if not, confirm with submitters if they will accept one-time funding</i> • <i>Patty Sparks will find out the funding allocation for 2024-2025 AUPs</i> 	AUP	Rank	MSNSEW – Biology Lab Equipment	640	AHN – OTA Curriculum	602	ALC – Speech and Debate Budget Augmentation	570	ALC – Costume Budget	510	Academic Senate – Budget Augmentation	374	Academic Senate – RT for JEDI and Mediation Committee	368	Athletics – Passenger Vans	360
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<p>3. Rubric</p>	<p>This item was tabled to the next meeting, however, Loren Holmquist agreed to share his Facilities Committee Rubric for this Committee to review. He related that it is more detailed and may be a good guide for this Committee when reviewing the current rubric for edits and/or changes.</p> <p><i>Action taken: Loren will provide the Facilities Committee Rubric to Patty Sparks.</i></p>																
<p>4. Facilities Update</p>	<p>Loren Holmquist provided an update on facilities projects, including approved renovations and upcoming construction plans for buildings 51 and 55, with potential demolition of buildings 52-54 to make way for a new two-story building.</p>																
<p>5. Meeting Schedule Review – Follow-up</p>	<p>This item was tabled to the next meeting.</p>																
<p>6. Recap</p>	<p>Not discussed.</p>																

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<p>1. Report-out Language</p>	<p>AUPs ranked and scored. Compiled scores were presented and discussed.</p>
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FOR CONSENSUS	

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FOLLOW-UP		
Who	Item	Timeline

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 3 - 4:30 pm

Budget Committee Norms

Established February 14, 2019

Updated August 13, 2020

- Members agree to raise hands to speak and wait to be called
- Members agree to use the thumbs up, side or down as a way to vote
- Members agree to participate and ask questions before moving on to the next agenda item
- Members understand all questions are welcome
- Members agree to be aware of time when meeting
- Members agree to stick to the agenda – utilize parking lot for items to be discussed at a later time
- Members agree to explain acronyms
- Member agree that food is allowed at meetings
- Members agree to plan a social event once a year
- Members agree to educate proxies
- Members agree that if someone is out of the room for a few minutes, the Committee will wait until they return before votes are taking
- Members agree to communicate with co-chairs/and or note-taker regarding absences when possible
- Members agree to start meetings on time
- Members agree to always be mindful of our purpose in serving students.

Added 8/13/2020:

- Use the “raise hand” feature in the Zoom participant window to avoid talking over each other.
- Mute microphone unless talking.
- For consensus items, the Recorder will type the consensus item in the chat window and voting members (by constituency group) will enter: “Yes” for yes votes, “No” for no votes and “Sideways” for a neutral vote.
- Members are responsible to report and share information to their constituency groups on Budget Committee-related items.

Committees are to establish norms

In order to create valued outcomes, a commitment to participation, dialogue, and the pursuit of value in the form of useful output by all is necessary. It is acknowledged that there are power dynamics in a room. Work must be done to create the equitable and inclusive environment sought for effective and active participation. To do so, council/committee members will establish behavioral norms that include the following meeting rules of engagement, make use of meeting tools, and respect the roles of each member.

Rules of Engagement

In participatory government, a high level of collegiality, respect, and civility is expected. Those expectations include the following rules:

- There is no rank in the room when at the committee table. All participants are treated as peers, both between constituencies and within constituencies.
- Speakers will be heard one at a time and without interruption. Participants will allow for moments of silence for thought and other viewpoints. In consideration of hearing all feedback, members should be mindful of how often and how long they speak. Equity in consensus building means including diverse perspectives at all levels of the organization.
- Members will be engaged and contribute, and challenge ideas, not people. All meeting attendees will be respectful/civil in their comments, responses, and body language.
- Members will listen to others, and seek to focus on the merits of what is being said, while making a good faith effort to understand the concerns of others. Council/committee members are encouraged to ask questions of clarification.
- Each person reserves the right to disagree with any proposal and accepts responsibility for offering alternatives that accommodate individual interests and the interests of others.
- All members should be mindful of the language used in discussions, including use of "I" statements instead of "they" attributions to relate anecdotal evidence or experiences. Members are encouraged to use an asset-minded approach that focuses on what works and how something can be done. This is in contrast to a deficit-minded approach that focuses on the negative and why an initiative, idea, or project can't get done.
- All council/committee members will be aware of the purpose and responsibility of their committees. When issues arise in discussion that are not supported by the committee's charge, the chair will identify the proper council, committee, or constituency group leadership for review, and forward the issue for consideration.
- Once consensus is reached after deliberation, council/committee members will support the group's recommendation.