Committee Purpose

The Budget Leadership Team (BLT) was formed to create a broader voice in the University’s budget development process. In this regard, it serves as a conduit to all of campus. The BLT is charged with making the budget recommendations to the President of the University for approval, who in turn submits them as an action item to the Board of Regents. The purpose of the BLT is to provide a transparent, collaborative mechanism for exploring and advising on important decisions that affect UNM with input from faculty, students, and staff.

These roles, responsibilities, and relationships are depicted as follows:

Committee Membership

The BLT committee is co-chaired by the Provost and the EVP for Finance & Administration. Additionally, the committee is comprised of five members from Academic Affairs, seven members from the Administration, eight Deans/Faculty members, and six UNM Constituency Group members.

Membership of the committee may be changed by the co-chairs as needed.

Duties and Responsibilities

The members of the BLT should strive to represent the interests of the whole University and not individual stakeholders or stakeholder groups.

The specific responsibilities of the BLT include, but are not limited to:

1. Evaluation of new initiatives, strategic investments, and performance funding
2. Analysis of projected inflationary increases for core institutional operations
3. Consideration of various revenue enhancement proposals, including initial recommendations on tuition fee levels
4. Recommendations on expenditure reductions and cost consolidation proposals
5. Analysis of faculty and staff compensation levels and recommendation of potential increases
6. Recommendations of new incremental I&G funding, specifically state formula funds and tuition and fees
7. Communication of budget process details, progress, and outcomes to campus constituencies and the broader university community

Delegation of Authority

The committee may delegate any of its responsibilities to a subcommittee comprised of one or more members of the Committee, plus other non-members as appropriate.

Meetings

The committee shall meet in-person or virtually as often as it determines necessary or appropriate to meet its objectives.