Theatre and Dance, on August 30, 2011, voted to change the former Executive Committee into an amended Budget Council and change it’s members to include all full professors.

**Budget Council**

**Department of Theatre & Dance**

I. Composition of the Committee

A. The Budget Council shall be composed of all full professors, two elected associate professors and one elected assistant professor. While members are elected from different ranks, they do not “represent” these ranks. Each member of the committee serves as a representative of the faculty at large.

B. The Chair of the Department will serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. Department of Theatre & Dance Unit Heads, not otherwise elected to the Committee, will serve ex officio to the Committee.

C. In the event there are an insufficient number of eligible faculty (at any rank) to meet the required membership, representation will be limited to the number available at that rank. Total Committee membership will decrease commensurately.

II. Terms of Service

A. The terms of service will be 2 years for Associate Professors, and 1 year for Assistant Professors. Terms of service shall begin and end at the start of the fall semester.

B. Upon completion of a term of service, Assistant and Associate Professors are not eligible for re-election for a period of one year. A Budget Council member who is promoted to another rank during his or her term shall remain on the Committee until the expiration of their initial term.

C. Should an elected member be unable to complete a term due to illness, an approved leave of absence (for a semester or longer), retirement, or resignation, an election will be held to replace that member for the duration of the leave, absence, or term of appointment. The election will be held as soon as possible in such a manner as to maintain the established distribution among ranks.

D. To encourage a smooth transition from the current Budget Council to the amended Budget Council, current members of the Budget Council will have their current terms either lengthened or shortened to conform to the terms of service described above. Terms of service for new members will initially be staggered so as to achieve as consistent a rotation of membership as possible.

E. Elections will be held annually, in April, to determine the replacement members in such a manner as to maintain the established distribution among ranks. The Chair will be responsible for calling all elections.

III. Limitation of Responsibility

In keeping with the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures:  
"Under an executive committee mode of governance, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor members may be consulted and may participate in the discussions, but may not vote formally, on
salary matters affecting their own or higher ranks and on matters affecting promotion from or continued appointment in their own rank or higher ranks.”