

Extended Budget Council (September 2022)
Department of Theatre and Dance

I. Composition of the Council

- a. The Budget Council shall be composed of all full professors, two elected associate professors, one elected assistant professor, and three elected non-tenure track faculty. 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 of Theatre and Dance will serve as Chair of the Budget Council. Department of Theatre and Dance Area Heads, not otherwise elected to the committee, will serve as voting members 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 Council membership will decrease commensurately.

II. Terms of Service

- a. The terms of service will be two years for associate professors, one year for assistant professors, and one year for non-tenure track faculty. 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 and non-tenure track 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 Council 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. 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.

- e. Non-tenure track faculty will be eligible for election to the Budget Council if they are employed an average of at least 50% time by UT Austin during each of the two preceding academic years.

III. Limitation of Responsibility

- a. In keeping with the University's Handbook of Operating Procedures 2- 1310:
"Under an extended Budget Council mode of governance, associate professor and assistant professor or 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."

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**Motion to Modify the Structure of the Extended Budget Council
Department of Theatre and Dance**

In May 2021, the Department of Theatre and Dance Budget Council (AY 2020-21) reviewed and voted in favor of making structural changes to the Budget Council. These changes, if supported by the full faculty, would:

- 1) align membership eligibility with the faculty voting rights as outlined in the Handbook of Operating Procedures ([HOP 2-1010](#));
- 2) extend voting rights to all members of the Budget Council (this does not include voting rights for promotion/tenure cases as outlined by [HOP 2-1310](#));
- 3) increase the number of non-tenure track faculty on Budget Council.

The proposed modification was presented to the full faculty of the Department of Theatre and Dance on January 10, 2022. The proposal was further discussed with the full faculty at a meeting on January 18, 2022.

On April 14, 2022, Chair Robert Ramirez called for a vote on the proposed structural changes. All voting members of the Department of Theatre and Dance faculty were included in this request.

The following provides a breakdown of votes per motion.

Motion 1: A non-tenure track faculty member who has been employed with the Department of Theatre and Dance at the University of Texas at Austin at least 50% time during each of the two preceding academic years (excluding summer) will be eligible to serve on the Budget Council.

19 voted in favor; one voted against.

Motion 2: The Budget Council will be comprised of all full professors, two elected associate professors, one elected assistant professor, and three elected non-tenure track faculty.

19 voted in favor; one voted against.

Motion 3: Voting rights will be extended to all members of the Budget Council, with the noted exceptions for university policies on voting as it pertains to promotion and tenure.

20 voted in favor; none voted against.

Chair Robert Ramirez is formally requesting approval to modify the structure of the Department of Theatre and Dance Budget Council effective September 1, 2022. The following document outlines the new structure, if approved.