

**Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate**  
**March 23, 2021**

1. **FY22 Budget:** The budget picture for FY22 (starts on July 1) is becoming more clear with the approval of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III. This is one-time money that supports both institutions and their students (see attachment). We continue to ask departments and programs to build their budgets organically mindful of the possibility that budgets may be 2% lower or 2% higher than last year depending on enrollments. I would like to be able to hold some funds in reserve for strategic initiatives including student and faculty support and any reform of general education. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
2. **Curriculum Request Calendar for Curriculog:** Curriculog, our digital curriculum approval platform, has significantly streamlined the curriculum development and review process and will allow for annual renewal of our [Academic Catalog](#). In order to allow for updating of the new catalog on an annual basis, a new timeline was developed that temporarily suspends entry into the Curriculog platform while the new catalog is finalized (see attached guidance for undergraduate and graduate curriculum items). Although new curriculum items cannot be entered into the Curriculog platform in April and May (a time when there are typically very few items put forward), faculty can still develop proposals then for entry in the platform when it reopens in June. In addition, proposals that were initiated/submitted by March 31 will still work their way through the individual and committee steps during April and May. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
3. **Clinical Faculty Promotion Recommendation** was approved and will be added to the Faculty Handbook. **FS Action Requested: None, fyi.**