Budget Priorities Committee (BPC)

Charge: Advisory to the Cabinet and President on RISD’s budget. The BPC will assess key budget inputs and priorities and make recommendations on tuition, fees, room and board, financial aid, non-union salary increases, capital allocations and other key budget line items. The BPC will make a recommendation to the Cabinet and President on the annual operating and capital budgets.

Values: As the BPC develops budget priorities and strategies, it is important that RISD’s values as described in NEXT: RISD 2020-2027 are kept in mind:

1) We value the material practices of artists and designers as principal modes of engagement with the wider world.
2) We value the necessary and crucial contribution of deep disciplinary understanding to effective interdisciplinary practice.
3) We value collaborative interplay across design, fine arts and the liberal arts to cultivate deep literacies, to shape cumulative understanding, to transform thought and to expand making practices.
4) We value experimental, contextual and culturally diverse methods of creative practice and rigorous scholarship as essential ways of creating knowledge and engaging with complexity and uncertainty.
5) We value enlightened engagement with emerging and evolving technologies, along with critical reflection on the interests those technologies serve and the impact they have on diverse peoples, communities and the planet.
6) We value a classroom, studio and campus environment that advances principles of social equity and inclusion, environmental and climate justice, and equal access to resources and opportunities.
7) We value the development of lifelong skills that integrate the physical, emotional and mental well-being of our entire community.
8) We value the careful stewardship of our human, financial and physical resources.
9) We value our role as a place-based institution with a commitment to furthering progress in Providence and Rhode Island through mutually beneficial engagement with the community.

Membership:

Fine Arts faculty member - Katy Schimert
Architecture and Design faculty member - Jennaca Davies
EFS faculty member - Mickey Ackerman
Liberal Arts faculty member - Leora Maltz-Leca
Dean - Scheri Fultineer
Academic Affairs - Matthew Shenoda
Museum representative - Sarah Ganz Blythe
2 staff members - Ginnie Dunleavy, Sarah Caggiano

Fall 2021
2 undergraduate students - TBD
1 graduate student - TBD
SVP for Finance and Administration - Dave Proulx (co-chair)
Provost - Kent Kleinman (co-chair)
Director, Budget & Financial Planning (staff to the committee) - Kathy Chery
Director, Academic Budget & Resources (staff to the committee) - Janine Connelly

Membership Terms:
Appointments will be for 3 year terms with initial staggered terms to preserve continuity

Meeting Schedule:
The BPC meets every two weeks during the academic year and once per month during June, July and August.