



# Annual Delegate Assembly

New Business Item Form - 2023

**NBI #1**

To be filled in by MSCA

**Budget Committee NBI**

**5/3/23**

**NBI NAME**

**Date and Time**

Dan Mulcare

Salem State University

**Delegate Making the Motion**

**University Affiliation**

Rala Diakite

Fitchburg State University

**Delegate Seconding the Motion**

**University Affiliation**

According to the *MSCA Standing/Special Rules*:

*With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.*

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**MOTION**

**MOVED:**

***Budget Committee NBI***

*Whereas* the MSCA and its members needs easy access to the financial information of the universities in which they work,

*Whereas* a transparent budget process helps members both understand our respective university budgets, gather information about how state allocation shapes university financial decision making and student-fee structures, and provides members with the formal opportunity to make proactive suggestions about how to best allocate university funds,

*Whereas* not all MSCA campuses have formal budget committees where members can shape the agenda and direct discussions,

*Whereas* Article VII D3c of MSCA/BHE Contract enables each campus to create special committees through the consent of the University President, MSCA chapter President and a majority vote of the All University Committee, which could include a budget committee,

*Whereas* the current one-year bargaining negotiations may preclude language items such as the creation of individual university budget committees,

*Be it resolved* that the MSCA President, MSCA Board of Directors and MSCA Investigative Budget Committee reach out to local chapter presidents and Executive Boards to assess their interest in creating a budget committee on their campus.

*Be it resolved* that if local chapter presidents, Executive Boards and All University Committees want assistance, the MSCA President, MSCA Board of Directors and MSCA Investigative Budget Committee provide help to chapters to formulate their respective budget committee proposals and work with them to implement these on their campuses.

**SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:**

Due to the overall impact that the budget has on our students' learning conditions and our learning conditions, the MSCA should provide a supporting role to create contract-style budget committees. This AUC created committee will promote transparency and give members additional powers over the budget process.

**DUES IMPACT: None**

**SUBMITTER'S COST & WORKLOAD ESTIMATE:**

If local campuses want to implement these committees, it would require significant coordination between statewide leadership, chapter presidents, chapter Executive Boards and chapter AUCs. University presidents and CFOs would also be part of these discussions, as the only way to create these committees requires a university president's agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS** must be submitted to the Presiding Officer prior to the commencement of the meeting. Those submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 will be distributed to the delegates at prior to the meeting. New Business Items **WITH** budgetary implications will be acted upon prior to adoption of the annual budget and the dues for FY2023-2024. A new business item **WITH** budgetary implications is defined as any activity or action that would result in an additional expenditure of more than \$500 by the MSCA. New Business Items **WITH** budgetary implications will be considered in the order in which they are received but before other New Business Items **WITHOUT** budgetary implications. Other New Business Items **WITHOUT** budgetary implications will be considered during the meeting in the order in which they are received.

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