

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET

To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on University Budget
Date: April 22, 2026
Re: 2025/2026 Annual Report

The [Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on University Budget](#) define its scope and relationship with Senate, the President and senior administrators. Each spring, the committee presents an annual report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on University Budget met four times in during 2025/2026: September 12, 2025, October 1, 2025, January 30, 2026 and March 27, 2026. Throughout the the integrated planning and budget planning process, the committee worked with the President and with representatives from the Offices of the Vice-President Academic & Provost and Vice-President Finance and Operations.

At the September meeting, representatives from the Offices of the Vice-President Academic & Provost, and the Vice-President Finance and Operations provided an overview of the 2025/26 Budget Expenditure Allocation Report. This report was included in the [September 23, 2025 Open Board meeting docket](#). Committee members also received an update on the budget model process and the committee's role within it. In addition, the Associate Vice-President Academic Resource Planning, provided an overview of the academic resource planning cycle.

At this meeting, the committee passed a motion designating all meetings for 2025/2026 as closed and confidential, and all materials submitted to the committee during this period as closed and confidential unless explicitly submitted as open documents.

At the October meeting, representatives from the Offices of the Vice-President Academic & Provost, and the Vice-President Finance and Operations provided further updates and engaged in discussion with committee members regarding the budget model process.

At the January meeting, representatives from the Offices of the Vice-President Academic & Provost, and the Vice-President Finance and Operations updated the committee on enrolment scenarios and the budget model approach for 2026/27, held a preliminary discussion of the planning and budget framework, and provided an update on the budget model review. Committee members also received an update on the BC Public Post-Secondary Education Sector Review.



At the March meeting, the committee received presentations on the 2026/2027 to 2028/2029 Planning and Budget Framework. Members from Offices of the Vice-President Academic & Provost and the Vice-President Finance and Operations reviewed the strategies and priorities outlined in the framework, including sources of revenue, expenditures, fee increases, and priority investments.

Respectfully submitted,

2025/2026 Senate Committee on University Budget

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