

STUDENT BUDGET SURVEY

In January, 2019 the Office of Institutional Analysis distributed an online survey to all current UWinnipeg students by email. The survey gave them an opportunity to provide input for the 2019-2020 UWinnipeg budget. The survey consisted of a list of 19 predetermined budget areas. Respondents were asked to rank their top 5 priority areas. A total of 2845 surveys were completed (30% of UWinnipeg's undergraduate and graduate student population for 2018). Student demographic information was collected to verify the representativeness of the respondents surveyed. All student populations were proportionally represented in the results, with the exception of international students, who were slightly overrepresented (16.2% of respondents identified as international students compared to 9.5% of actual student population).

List of Budget Areas Presented to Respondents

Campus Housing

(e.g., increased number of University managed housing spaces for students)

Campus Technology

(e.g., increased support for Wi-Fi, classroom technology, on-line teaching resources, WebAdvisor)

Employment Services/ Career Counselling for Students

Facilities

(e.g., upgrades to classrooms and labs on campus)

Financial Support for Students

(e.g., increased number of scholarships, bursaries, etc.)

Health Services for Students

(e.g., increased support for student counselling)

Indigenous Spaces on Campus

(e.g., increased and/or improved Indigenous spaces)

Library Resources

Security on Campus

Student Academic Support Services

(e.g., increased support for academic advising, tutoring, etc.)

Student Recreation

(e.g., increased opportunities for intramurals, fitness classes, etc.)

Student Research

(e.g., increased opportunities for students to participate in faculty-led research)

Student Spaces on Campus

(e.g., increased and/or improved study and meeting spaces for students)

Supports for Existing Academic Courses

(e.g., offering more sections of existing courses)

Supports for Micro-Communities

(e.g., increased support for the Aboriginal Student Services Centre, International Student Services Centre)

Supports for New Academic Courses

(e.g., increased support for the creation of new courses)

Supports for Students with Disabilities

(e.g., increased support for Accessibility Services)

Tuition and Fees

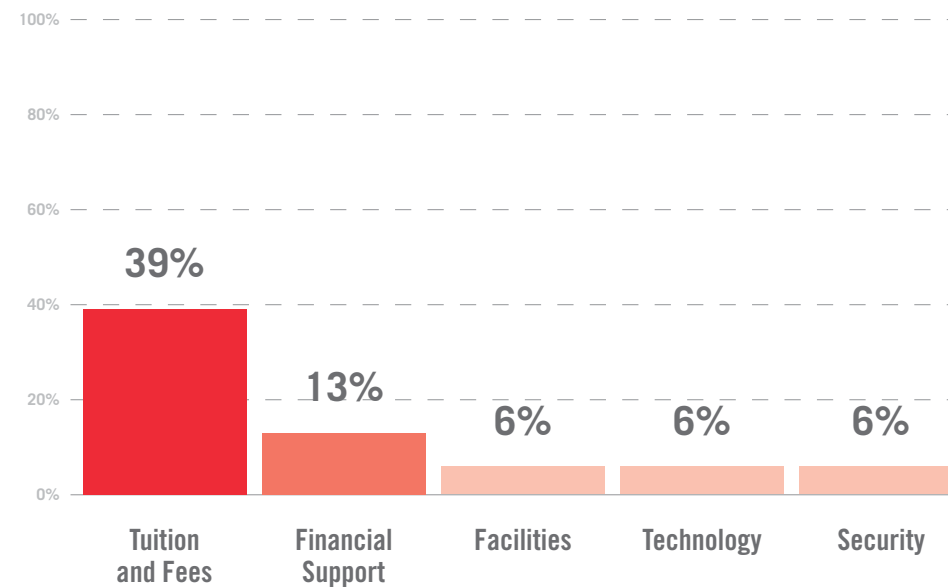
(e.g., affordability of tuition and fees)

Work-Integrated Learning

(e.g., increased opportunities and support for co-op programs, internships, field courses, etc.)

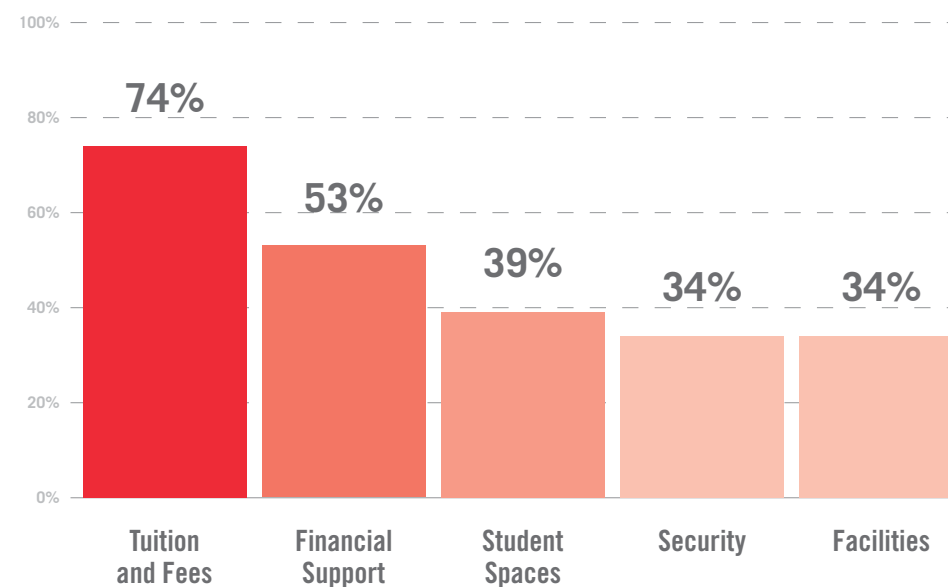
Budget Areas Most Selected as #1 Priority

This graph shows the percent of total respondents who selected an item as their number one priority area. There was no single item that had greater than 39% of the students selecting it as their top priority, showing large variability in prioritization across students.



Budget Areas Most Selected as a Top 5 Priority

This graph shows the percent of total respondents who selected an item as any one of their top five priority areas. For example, 74% of respondents selected Tuition and Fees as one of their priority areas. This number includes students who selected this item as either their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th priority area.



Student Comments:

Respondents to the Student Budget Survey were given the opportunity to provide comments at the end of the survey. A total of 483 comments were collected (17% of respondents). The majority of the comments fell under one of the 19 budget priority areas. Comments that did not fit into any of the priority areas were coded as “miscellaneous”. A minority of comments were coded as “positive” where students expressed appreciation for the survey or for their university experience in general.

The number of comments submitted generally reflected the results from the priority ranking results. The distribution of the comments was much more diffuse across budget areas. “Tuition and fees” received the most comments. “Facilities”, “Support for Existing Academic Courses”, “Security”, and “Student Spaces” made up the budget areas that also received numerous comments.

“Courses need more sections. Classes are filling up to fast and it takes a whole year sometimes to get into a required class”

“It should be more affordable for everyone to get an education they are proud of, without having to worry that they may not be able to complete it due to insufficient funds and financial need.”

“I’m glad UWinnipeg is one of the more affordable universities in northern Turtle Island!”

“Increasing the number of microwaves on campus will improve student life on campus, as students spend a lot of time waiting for the microwave during lunch time!”

“Increasing security must be a top priority if it is a public access space.”

“I think having more places for students to sit/study/relax outside of class is crucial for the university. During busy periods, like lunch break, it can be near impossible to find a table to sit at...I believe having more spaces for students to sit would draw more students to staying and studying at the university, like myself.”

“My first year experience at this University has been great! All of my professors are amazing!”

“Bathrooms need attention. They feel old and unclean, and broken sinks/hand dryers increase length of bathroom lineups.”

Comments were edited for grammar and length.