Report of the Senate Budget Review Committee 2019-2020

The Senate Budget Review Committee was formed in 2011. Its membership is:

- Vice-President (Academic) [co-Chair]
- Vice-President (Finance and Administration) [co-Chair]
- One Dean or Associate Dean
- Two Senators
- Eight faculty members
- One UWSA senator

The responsibilities of the Committee were:

- 1. to consider and provide advice to Senate with respect to the academic and research implications of budgetary issues, having regard for Senate's responsibility for academic policy, and the President's responsibility to present an annual budget to the Board of Regents for approval;
- 2. to analyze preliminary budget and estimates documents from the perspective of academic priorities, having regard for the University's academic mission;
- 3. to meet regularly, at appropriate times, with the President's budget team, as the budget is developed over the course of each year, in order to provide timely input and contribute to the budgetary process.

The Committee met on November 22, 2019, April 14, 2020, and April 28, 2020

Among the discussion topics during the Committee's deliberations were:

- Financial results for 2018-2019
- Projections for budget for 2019-2020
- The 2019-2020 budget primer presentation
- The budget consultation process and feedback received from various interested parties
- Input into the three-year budget strategy (2020-2023)
- Review of the approved three-year budget strategy (2020-2023)
- Input on the 2020-2021 operating budget prior to its approval by the Board of Regents
- Impacts of COVID-19 and government mandates on the University's financial plans and budgets
- The financial health of the University