

Report of the Senate Budget Review Committee

2020-2021

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

Members of the committee in 2020-2021 were:

Michael Emslie (co-chair), Jan Stewart (co-chair), Hugh Grant, Paul Holloway, Brandon Christopher, Bruce Bolster, Joni Storie, Maryam Memar Zadeh, Anuraag Shrivastav, Shannon Ezzat, Aaron Moore, Michael Hohner, Carla Manfredi, Althea Dunlop

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 June 28, 2020, December 10, 2020, and April 28, 2021

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

- Financial results for 2019-2020
- Projections for budget for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022
- The 2021-2022 budget primer presentation
- The budget consultation process and feedback received from various interested parties
- Input into the three-year budget strategy (2021-2024)
- Review of the approved three-year budget strategy (2021-2024)
- Input on the 2021-2022 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