



Meeting of the Budget Development Group # 11
March 27, 2023
Minutes

The following members participated: Anne Comfort, Elizabeth Fullerton, Jeff Hennessy, Robert Inglis, Nate Lesser, Gene Ouellette, Courtney Pringle-Carver and Jennifer Tomes

1. Minutes

The March 20, 2023, minutes were approved as circulated.

2. Update from the Chair

In terms of process, the committee is on schedule.

Two town hall sessions are scheduled for this week. Administration met with MASU regarding tuition and fees.

The government grant will increase by 2% plus an additional 1.5% if enrolment increases by 2%. The budget will be based on a 2% increase only.

3. Discuss Budget Recommendations

a. Tuition

The University is building a 3% tuition increase into the budget. An increase of aviation tuition from 70% of regular tuition to 75% is being considered. It would become effective for new students in 2024-25 and current aviation students would be grandfathered in.

b. Fees

We are looking at an 8 - 9 % increase for dining hall and residence fees to compensate for inflation in food costs, utilities and maintenance.

Concern was expressed that this significant increase will create further food insecurity and financial hardships for students. Need to look at foodbank uptake and bursary assistance for these students.

c. Student Numbers

Projecting that we will have a similar size incoming class and overall enrolment as this year. Suggestion that we budget for 700.

4. Next Steps

Committee to meet again to wrap things up and finalize report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trudy Hicks