



**Meeting of the Budget Development Group # 11**  
**March 19, 2025**  
**Minutes**

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The following members participated: Paul Elliott, Robert Inglis (Chair), Richard Isnor, Vicki Meli, Chris Milner, Courtney Pringle-Carver, Rebecca Schelew and Vicki St. Pierre

**1. Update on Government Grant**

The government grant will increase by 1% next year. This is the lowest increase in many years. There were no other increases identified in the Provincial budget for universities.

**2. One-Time Requests**

Further discussion on the following one-time requests:

VPUA	Website Redesign	\$200,000		Can wait for completion of strategic plan
VPUA	CRM System	\$350,000	\$100,000 after first year	Need to consider integration with other CRMs
VPFA	Upgrade Phone System	\$225,000	\$150,000 savings per year	Yes
VPAR\VPFA	Upgrade Recruiting CRM	\$200,000	\$70,000 annual software maintenance fee	Yes

**3. Tuition**

Tuition, residence and ancillary fees for Post Secondary Institutions across the Maritime Provinces were reviewed. Discussion around comparability with other universities, impact of tuition vs other fees and the affordability for students.

**4. Next Steps**

Last meeting will be held next week to review decisions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trudy Hicks,