



Student Budget Committee

Friday, September 16, 2016

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in room UC424, South

Attendees: Brenda Whiteside; Rocky Narang; Patrice Bigaignon; Nathan Lehotsky; Jack Wang; Hasham Farag; Tori Bellwood; Nebojsa Hrnjez; Deluchini Sivagnanasuntharam; Christy Barnes; Brandan McDougall; and Jessica Westlake.

Meeting Notes

Business

1. Review Terms of Reference:

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference. The Student Budget Committee (SBC) is intended to be a forum for ongoing consultation with students during the University budget development process. The following was noted throughout the discussion:

- a) The Committee meets regularly in order to prepare a report and a presentation for the Board of Governors.
- b) It was recommended to take identify items/issues/recommendations that the group will want to put in the report.
- c) It was noted that this would be an interesting year for the University as the Ministry is looking the funding formula information might not be released in time to make informed decisions.
- d) Additionally, it was noted that the Ministry would be releasing a new tuition framework.

2. Goals of Participants:

The group discussed the various reasons that members were representing their organization on this Committee. The following reasons were provided:

- a) Want to know more information about the financial aspects of the University's operations
- b) To have a voice and to give students a voice regarding funding allocation
- c) To learn as much a possible
- d) To develop transferable skills
- e) A general interest in finance
- f) To make recommendations regarding how the budget is presented and shared with students

3. Review the Previous Committee's Report:

The previous report was presented to provide the Committee with an idea of issues addressed last year. It was recommended that this Committee review last year's Operating Budget before the next meeting:

- [MTCU Operating Budgets](#)

Action All: Review the University's Budget before the next meeting.

4. Future Agenda Items:

The Committee discussed items for future agendas. The following is a list of topics and speakers identified:

Topic	Presenter(s)	Timeline
Introduction to the budget and breakdown of the budget process	J. Miles	Early
Understanding the financial breakdown and the funding framework	C. Yates	Early
Plans for growth and expansion	C. Yates	
Financial aid programs and the Ministry's Net Tuition including International and Out of Province Students	M. Sheehy	
Graduate Students and Funding and Growth	TBD	
Ancillary Units such as Hospitality, Parking, University Centre, Housing	Directors	
Athletics	R. Laird/S. McRoberts	
Student Space	D. O'Leary	
Student Fees and the Student Fee Protocol	S. Thibodeau and/or B. Whiteside	
Faculty and employee data (i.e. how many full and part time faculty per student)	C. Yates/K. Menard	

Additionally, the discussion led to the following agreements:

- a) It was noted that presentations do not need to be as detailed as last year. It was noted that the students are looking for an overview.
- b) It was agreed to provide time on the agenda to record notes for the final Report.
- c) It was agreed to identify student interested in presenting to the Board of Governors at the next meeting
- d) It was agreed to strike a writing committee and to designate an editor.
- e) It was agreed to add The Rumor Mill as a standing agenda item.

The Rumor Mill:

The group addressed the rumor about the salary of the previous football coach. It was confirmed that the coach was paid the normal coaching salary, but that coach donated it back annually. It was confirmed that the New Pavilion being built in Alumni Stadium is being completely paid for by a donor.

It was asked how much the new bike rack had cost? B. Whiteside will report back on this item at the next meeting.

Action B. Whiteside: Ask for the financials regarding the new bike rack.

5. The Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to meet every other week as follows:

- Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – with dinner
- Wednesday 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – with treats and beverages

Fall Meeting Schedule:

1. Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; UC 429 (Treats)
2. Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in UC424 (Treats)
3. Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)
4. Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)
5. Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in UC424 (Treats)

Tentative Winter Schedule:

1. Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Treats)
2. Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)
3. Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in UC 424 (Treats)
4. Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441(Dinner)
5. Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)
6. Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Treats)
7. Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in UC424 (Treats)
8. Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.; UC 441 (Dinner)

Important Dates:

1. Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2016 (Presentation)
2. Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 4, 2017 (Report)
3. Senate Meeting – Monday, April 10, 2017
4. Board of Governors Meeting – Friday, April 21, 2017

Meeting concluded.