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To: Senate

From: Budget Committee

Re: Proposed Change in Budget Committee Membership

The Budget Committee has reviewed its operations and the operation of its Okanagan and Vancouver Sub-Committees over the past few years. It has become apparent that the original assumption of one UBC budget for which the Committee could advise the president is not the state of affairs that has developed, and that campus-specific budgets will be the norm. As the Sub-Committees for each campus are based on the full membership of the Committee from each campus, the current sub-committees are quite small.

The Committee therefore proposes increasing its membership so as to provide the sub-committees with more members and thus the ability to better advise the President and Academic Vice-Presidents on academic matters relating to the University Budget. We note that the size of the full committee will be large – 21 members – but note that a great majority of meetings are sub-committee meetings, and their more manageable memberships of between 10 and 12 people are in line with the previous Senate Budget Committee. For full meetings, 21 is not an unworkable number.

At present, the composition of the Committee is as follows:

44. The Budget Committee shall be composed of:
 - a. Three (3) Councillors, elected by and from the Council of Senates;
 - b. Four (4) members of the Okanagan Senate appointed by and from the Okanagan Senate, who must include at least two (2) faculty members and one (1) student; and
 - c. Four (4) members of the Vancouver Senate appointed by and from the Vancouver Senate, who must include at least two (2) faculty members and one (1) student.

The Committee proposes amending its composition as follows (new text in **bold**, removed text ~~struck through~~):

44. The Budget Committee shall be composed of:

- a. Three (3) Councillors, elected by and from the Council of Senates;
- b. ~~Four (4)~~ **Nine (9)** members of the Okanagan Senate appointed by and from the Okanagan Senate, who must include at least ~~two (2)~~ **six (6)** faculty members and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** students; and
- c. ~~Four (4)~~ **Nine (9)** members of the Vancouver Senate appointed by and from the Vancouver Senate, who must include at least ~~two (2)~~ **six (6)** faculty members and ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** students.

The Committee therefore recommends:

That Senate endorse the changes in the Budget Committee membership specified for above. (NB: This item will be considered by the Council this June)