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**To: Okanagan Senate**

**From: Okanagan Sub-Committee of the Budget Committee of the Council of Senates**

**Subject: 2009/2010 Budget Update (information)**

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Section 37 (1) (e) of the *University Act* calls for the establishment of a standing committee to assist in the preparation of the university budget. Since both the Vancouver and the Okanagan budgets are firewalled, this body seldom meets as one group. What has evolved since 2005 is that both the Vancouver and Okanagan Senates have developed their own budget sub-committees that reflect the membership of the Council of Senates Committee on Budget.

In the fall of 2008, the Okanagan Senate Academic Building and Resources Committee (AB&R) was created with an expanded membership from the original Council of Senates Okanagan Budget Sub-Committee. The membership of the Okanagan Senate AB&R Committee and the Council of Senates Okanagan Sub-Committee on Budget are mirrored and hence what follows are two reports.

### **Okanagan Senate Academic Building and Resources Committee**

This Committee has a mandate to review and monitor the implementation of the Campus Master Plan, recommend building priorities, and review the impact of development on the total teaching and academic resources. Since most of the new buildings are already planned and underway, the Committee's role has been consultative.

After the less than ideal opening of the Fipke Centre in the fall of 2008, this Committee and the Learning and Research Committee jointly met with the AVP of Operations, Mr. Aidan Kiernan, to discuss timelines for completions of projects, and the status of project, budgets. The Committees have since met with Mr. Don Thompson, Director of IT Services, who is assuming responsibility for the development and renovation of lecture halls, labs, etc. The Committees discussed the desirability of retro-fitting lecture halls to

create more flexible, intimate, and interactive teaching spaces and the necessity of planning and providing office space for graduate students.

The Office of the Provost has created a Future Academic Spaces: Classroom Services committee that will work with Mr. Don Thompson and the Associate Registrar, Mr. Fred Vogt, to plan and coordinate classroom use. Dr. Peter Arthur, the Chair of Senate's Learning and Research Committee, will serve on this administrative body. It is hoped that these changes in administrative structure will bring more transparency to the process of planning new buildings.

### **Council of Senates Budget Committee, Okanagan Sub-Committee**

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor consulted with the Okanagan Budget Sub-Committee at six meetings throughout the academic year on the development of the 2009/2010 budget. The expanded membership of the Committee since September 2009 has lead to detailed and lengthy discussions on enrolment projections, budgets, provincial funding, and shrinking endowments. This year, the Sub-Committee gained a better understanding of the budget process and will continue to pose questions and provide advice on how the budget can strategically translate the Academic Plan into substance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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(also Academic Building and Resources Committee)