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To: Senate
From: Executive 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-committes are quite small.

The Budget Committee therefore has proposed to ncrease its membership so as to provide its sub-committees with more members and thus the ability to provide a great diversity of opinions and advice to the President and Academic Vice-Presidents on academic matters relating to the University Budget. We note that the while size of the full committee will be large – 21 members – the 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 as necessary, 21 is not an unworkable number.

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

The Committee agrees with the Budget Committee and proposes amending the compostion of the Budget Committee 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)** student**s**; 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)** student**s**.

The Committee therefore recommends:

That the Council approve the changes to the composition of the Budget Committee as set out above.

NB: Requires 2/3rds in favour to be approved.