

**TRU BUDGET COMMITTEE OF SENATE (BCOS)  
REPORT BASED ON THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 MEETING OF BCOS**

1. The Chair of BCOS outlined changes to process with regards to BCOS and APPC consideration of new programme proposals. Past practice was for APPC to consider programme proposals and then refer them to BCOS for consultation. In the future, all new programme proposals will be sent to BCOS and APPC at the same time.
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3. The Masters of Science in Data Science was referred back to the originating Division to seek consultation with the Faculty's Budget Officer. The Dean will be invited to the next BCOS meeting to answer any questions the Committee may have on the financial aspects of the proposed degree
4. The Open Textbook initiative was reviewed and discussed by BCOS. A Powerpoint presentation made to PCOL will be made available to BCOS members.
5. The Program Sustainability Worksheet for the Master of Engineering was reviewed by BCOS. It has been costed out appropriately. The Dean of Science will be invited to the next BCOS meeting to answer any questions the Committee may have on the financial aspects of the proposed degree
6. The Applied Sustainable Ranching Certificate & Diploma changes have been reviewed by BCOS
7. Y. Laflamme, Director of Financial Planning and Budget, presented Powerpoint on budget processes and timelines for the 18/19 Budget Cycle. She offered to provide BCOS members a "Budget 101" workshop on the budget methodology used.
8. M. Milovick, VP Administration and Finance, asked BCOS members to review last year's budget assumptions and provide feedback.
9. The item on Enrolment Projects was deferred to next meeting.

**Next BCOS meeting is October 10, 2017**