



## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Senate  
 From: Dr. Donald Kerr  
 Chair, Senate Budget Committee  
 Senate Meeting Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016  
 Subject: Senate Budget Committee Report

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The Senate Budget Committee met on 25<sup>th</sup> February, and 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March.

1. The Committee considered the following calendar changes:

2015-EDU-5504 – Program-Modification-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5461 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5462 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5464 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5468 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5469 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5470 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5478 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5479 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5480 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5483 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5465 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5467 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5473 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5497 – Program-Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5498 – Programs- Modifications-UG-Kinesiology  
 2015-SOC-5340 – Programs-Modifications-UG-Music  
 2015-SOC-5371 – Course-Discontinue-UG-English  
 2015-SOC-5401 – Programs-Modifications-UG-English  
 2015-SOC-5402 – Programs-Modifications-UG-English  
 2016-SOC-5569 – Course-Discontinuation-UG-English-originally 2015-SOC-5427  
 2015-HBS-5454 – Program-Modifications-UG-Psychology  
 2015-HBS-5456 – Program-Modifications-UG-Psychology  
 2015-HBS-5505 – REQ-Modification-Kinesiology  
 2015-HBS-5508 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Psychology

**The committee was satisfied that these calendar changes have no or little budgetary implications, and recommends them to Senate for approval.**

2015-SOC-5388 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Music-Cross-listing with Social Justice  
2015-SOC-5534 – Course-Modification-UG-English-Crosslisting with Social Justice

It was noted that the program associated with these calendar change has not yet been approved by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. **The committee recommends them to Senate for approval, with the note that these calendar changes should not come into effect until the associated program is approved.**

2. The committee considered its Terms of Reference, and has made some minor suggestions with regard to its membership. These recommended changes are attached to the motion on the Senate agenda.

**The committee recommends that the proposed revisions to its Terms of Reference be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.**

3. The committee received a presentation on the budget, including discussion of the budgeting process, the current fiscal climate, enrolment and revenue forecasts, ongoing pressures, recruitment optimization, enrolment planning, deferred maintenance, and government advocacy. The committee had time to give this some thought, and return with further questions.

Senate Budget agrees that it's an achievement to have a budget before the start of the fiscal year, and to have a balanced budget under the current climate. Almost every unit is to be congratulated for meeting the necessary contraction in their budget, and every unit for holding the line wherever possible.

The committee believes this is a good budget, given the very tough current climate. At the same time, it is important to emphasize that programs cannot be squeezed any more, without serious concerns for long-term damage to our programs.

The committee cautions that this budget is based on some important assumptions regarding revenue, that have not been confirmed yet.

The committee strongly encourages senior administration in their advocacy with governments for further relief and funding.

**Senate Budget Committee recommends Senate endorse the Draft Operating Budget 2016–17.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Donald Kerr, Chair  
 Senate Budget Committee