

Financial sustainability update

University of Saskatchewan Senate

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Why are universities concerned about financial sustainability and what are they doing about it?





What are
the
pressures
on our
university's
budget?

What is the
U of S
currently doing
(including
TransformUS)
and what are
our future
plans?



What are some challenges we see for the future of the university?



Breakout discussion

- In recent years our university has seen approximately 2% annual increases in our basic operating grant from government. Would you recommend our university plan on the basis of greater, the same, or lesser increases over the next 5-10 years?
- To what extent should our university look to generate increased revenue from academic programming (for example, by attracting more international students, offering more professional master's programs, etc.)?
- The University of Saskatchewan's current operating grant is approximately 70% of our operating budget, 25% is tuition revenue, and 5% is other revenue. The Canadian context is seeing a greater ratio of tuition revenue, as high as 50%. What might the U of S plan for in terms of this ratio?
- Other Canadian universities tend to have about 10% other revenues in their operating budget where the U of S has about 5%. Where might the university focus its efforts to increase this revenue? Land development?

For more information:

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