



**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND  
PRIORITIES & UNIVERSITY BUDGET**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2025**  
**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**MS Teams Online**

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**Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SSCAPP) – Quorum: 6**

**Present:**

**Voting Members**

Allyson Rozell  
Diane Van der Gucht  
Jenna Smith  
Logan Masilamani  
Michael Cober  
Parivash Enghiad  
Seanna Takacs  
Sharmen Lee  
Sheena Dela Torre

**Non-Voting Members**

Catherine Schwichtenberg, Chair  
Daniel Bernstein  
Diane Purvey  
Leeann Waddington  
Lori McElroy  
Melinda Schram  
Zena Mitchell

**Ex-Officio**

Bruce Choy, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Kwuntiltunaat (Kim Baird), Chancellor

**Presenters**

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**Not Present:**

**Voting Members**

Andhra Goundrey  
Harkomalpreet Gill

**Non-Voting Members**

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**Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB) – Quorum: 7**

**Present:**

**Voting Members**

Alia Somji  
Caroline Daniels  
Gordon Cobb  
Richard Popoff  
Reza Khakbaznejad  
Seanna Takacs  
Shelley Boyd

**Non-Voting Members**

Carole Laplante  
Catherine Schwichtenberg  
Diane Purvey  
Peter Smailes

**Administrative Resources**

Michelle Molnar  
Sonia Orlu

**Ex-Officio**

Bruce Choy, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Kwuntiltunaat (Kim Baird), Chancellor

**Presenters**

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**Not Present:****Voting Members**

Gurankas Singh  
Gurnoor Kaur  
Harkomalpreet Gill

**Non-Voting Members**

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**1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement**

The Chair, Catherine Schwichtenberg, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Allyson Rozell moved that the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

**3. Chairs' Report**

Catherine Schwichtenberg expressed appreciation to Carol Stewart from the Melville School of Business for providing a helpful "Budgeting 101" session at the October 31, 2025 meeting, which created capacity to devote the present meeting entirely to the draft Fiscal 2026–27 budget.

**4. New Business****4.1. Fiscal 2026-27 Draft University Budget**

Carole Laplante, Associate Vice-President Finance, presented the draft budget and explained that KPU faces a significant and ongoing revenue decline that requires major staffing and non-salary reductions, strategic use of one-time deferred funds, and tightly controlled capital spending to maintain a balanced budget.

The presentation outlined how the draft 2026–27 budget addresses these pressures while prioritizing financial stability, essential safety and security investments, and positioning the university for long-term sustainability.

**Richard Popoff moved that the Joint Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities and on University Budget recommend that Senate endorse and advise the President that the draft Fiscal 2026–27 Budget aligns with the Budget Principles and Priorities, as presented.**

**The motion carried.**

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.