

Provost's Report to Senate: May 27, 2014

Queen's National Scholar (QNS)

The Queen's National Scholar Committee met on April 21, 2014, to review the 2013 - 2014 QNS proposals. Following a lengthy and constructive discussion of the three submissions, committee members selected two outstanding candidates and have subsequently made their recommendations to the Principal. Further details on the selected candidates will be available soon.

The 2014 - 2015 Queen's National Scholar competition will begin in September, when Faculties and Schools will be invited to submit Expressions of Interest. Please visit the [Office of the Provost's website](#) for updates on the competition and submission deadlines.

Queen's University's Budget

i. 2014 – 2015

At its May 2, 2014, meeting the Board of Trustees approved Queen's University's budget for 2014 - 2015. The approved budget is appended to this report as Table 1, together with a second table that shows, on one page, the development of the budgets of the Faculties and Schools. More information is available in a recent [communication to the Queen's community](#) from the Provost's Advisory Committee on the Budget (PACB), and a considerable amount of detail on the budget for 2014 - 2015 may also be found in the [2014 - 2015 Budget Report](#).

ii. 2015 – 2016

Senate's approval in April of the enrolment projections for 2015 - 2016 triggered the start of the process to develop the University's budget for 2015 - 2016. The process begins with the shared service units being asked to prepare their budget and staffing plans.

For more information, please see the [PACB's recent communication to the Queen's community](#), which as well as discussing the budget for 2014 - 2015 also describes the first stages of the process of developing the budget for 2015 - 2016.

At the Senate meeting on May 27, I shall be happy to answer any questions from Senators about either the development of the budget for 2014 - 2015 or the planning process for the development of the budget for 2015 - 2016.

Major Capital Projects Approval Policy and Process

On May 2, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved the Major Capital Projects Approval Policy and Process, a copy of which can be found on the [University Secretariat's website](#). The approval process consists of six phases, each with its own milestones and deliverables, and follows the approval process outlined in the Campus Master Plan. Within each of these phases, a detailed process of project review and development will ensure that each project aligns with University priorities.