



SUBJECT	NEEDS-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (SFA) AT UBC
MEETING DATE	NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Forwarded on the Recommendation of the President

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

FOR INFORMATION

Report Date	November 2, 2018
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The new allocation model adheres to Policy 72 *Access to the University of British Columbia*.

INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED

- Learning Research Innovation Engagement
 (Internal / External) International
- or Operational

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE Changes to both federal and provincial student financial assistance have increased the gap between what is available through government grants and loans and students' assessed need. The change in policy without additional government resources has put pressure on the UBC Bursary funding; as a result, the administration examined the model used for assessing bursary eligibility. A new and more equitable allocation model, which provides the greatest support for students with the greatest need, has been developed and approved by the Executive. The new model will be implemented in 2019S.

The new allocation model is based on the relationship between the amount of bursary allocated and the family size and income. Students without sufficient family income to cover more than the necessities of food, shelter, and clothing will have the full amount of their calculated unmet need covered by the UBC Bursary system. Beyond a reasonable family income threshold, there is an expectation that a student and or/their family make a contribution toward covering their calculated unmet need.

The new allocation model conforms with Policy 72 *Access to the University of British Columbia*, be applied consistently across both campuses and for both undergraduate and graduate bursary pools, and will recognize the differences and costs between the campuses.

Previous Report Date	September 13, 2018
Decision	Provide update at November Joint: People, Community, and International Committee AND Finance Committee.
Action / Follow Up	Verbal update provided indicating that a new more equitable model has been developed, which provides the greatest support for students with the greatest need without changes to Policy 72. It is being presented for approval to the University Executive on September 25, 2018.
Previous Report Date	June 14, 2018
Decision	Request for follow-up in the event that there are changes to Policy 72 <i>Access to the University of British Columbia</i> .
Action / Follow Up	The 2017-2018 Annual Report on Student Financial Support was presented and the report identified that students' unmet need exceeded the current bursary fund allocation due to both federal and provincial policy changes. The administration is reviewing the model used for assessing bursary eligibility.