



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

Forwarded on the Recommendation of the President

**APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION**

Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

**FOR INFORMATION**

<b>Report Date</b>	November 2, 2018
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**Presented By** Andrew Parr, Interim Vice-President Students  
 Andrew Szeri, Provost and Vice-President Academic  
 Deborah Buszard, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal, UBC Okanagan  
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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

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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.

<b>Previous Report Date</b>	September 13, 2018
<b>Decision</b>	Provide update at November Joint: People, Community, and International Committee AND Finance Committee.
<b>Action / Follow Up</b>	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.
<b>Previous Report Date</b>	June 14, 2018
<b>Decision</b>	Request for follow-up in the event that there are changes to Policy 72 <i>Access to the University of British Columbia</i> .
<b>Action / Follow Up</b>	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.