



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

FY2026 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

College of Built Environments

OPERATING BUDGET PROPOSAL NARRATIVE PROMPTS DUE 2/24/2025

Programmatic & Academic Vitality Narrative

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Where possible, you are encouraged to leverage published materials already created

1) Please list your operating budget priorities for the upcoming period (bullet format) and how your campus/unit is aligning available resources with strategic programmatic goals and university initiatives (e.g. Diversity Blueprint, Population Health, etc). *Word Limit: 500*

- *Strengthening interdisciplinary scholarship and collaboration*
 - *Interdisciplinary BE curriculum - coordination and support - new administrator*
 - *Support of new departmental non-professional undergraduate degree programs*
 - *Runstad Department of Real Estate (BS Real Estate)*
 - *Department of Landscape Architecture (BA Environmental Design and Sustainability)*
 - *Potential undergraduate degree in Urban Studies*
- *Enhancing student success*
 - *Expanding access to opportunities*
 - *Outreach and recruitment initiatives*
 - *Mentorship programs*
 - *Scholarships and financial aid*
 - *Increasing capacity in high-demand majors and courses*
 - *Supporting student health and wellbeing*
 - *Access to mental health services*
 - *Support for student affinity groups and social activities*
 - *Unit-wide programs and events focused on student health and wellbeing*
 - *Emergency funding for students facing hardships*
 - *Enhancing learning support*
 - *Classroom upgrades with integrated technology*
 - *Funding for paid research, internships, study abroad, and other experiential learning opportunities.*
 - *Development of learning and community-building spaces*



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- *Career support and post-graduation success*
 - *Strengthening career services and pathways to meaningful employment or graduate/professional programs*
- *Faculty and staff recruitment and retention*
 - *Salary equity adjustments*
 - *Community-building initiatives*
 - Professional development funding for faculty and staff*
 - *Technology refresh initiative*
- *Faculty research*
 - *Bridge funding for gaps in federal research support.*
 - *Support for industry partnerships in research*

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Required Budget Development Consultative Process Summary – Faculty, Staff and Students

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-- If specific questions are not applicable to your unit, simply indicate n/a --

Consultation with your elected faculty councils, student councils and unit/campus staff, regarding your unit's/campus's budget proposal materials, including your proposed FY26 operating budget, narrative responses, tuition rate recommendations and fee-based rate recommendations are an important and necessary component of the UW's budget development process. Your responses to the questions below will be documented and included as part of the FY26 operating budget development review materials provided to Executive Leadership of the UW.

PLAN NOW to ensure that all unit/campus review and consultative processes are completed by the February 24, 2025 due date.

- 1) Please indicate the date that FACULTY leadership within your unit/campus was consulted and provided the opportunity to provide input as part of this budget planning exercise

Feb 14, 2025

Faculty leadership was consulted throughout the planning process. Leadership meetings, held approximately every two weeks, include the Chairs, Associate Deans, and the EFC Chair. Meeting topics have included the unit adjustment, tuition and fee recommendations, hiring report and plan, and budget and Adaptive review.

- 2) Please list a point of contact for your FACULTY leadership (name and UW email address).

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- 3) Please indicate the date that STUDENT leadership within your unit/campus was consulted and provided the opportunity to provide input as part of this budget planning exercise.

Feb 5 and 19, 2025

- 4) Please list a point of contact for your STUDENT leadership (name and UW email address).

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- 5) Please discuss how you involved campus or unit staff in the consultative process.

The Assistant Dean, Finance and Administration, and CBE's Financial Analyst met with each department chair and administrator to review departmental budgets with follow-up meetings with department administrators to review Adaptive in detail. Budget presentations were given to each department with an opportunity for discussion, correction, and revision. In addition to reviewing plans, departments discussed their pressure points and opportunities.



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- 6) Since submission of your tuition and/or fee-based rate recommendations on January 24, 2025, has your campus or unit received any additional feedback from students? If so, please summarize here.

Additional feedback from students highlighted concerns about the rising higher education costs, particularly when tuition increases are not accompanied by proportional improvements in education quality or career preparation. Specifically, CBE students believe tuition rates should better align with post-graduation salaries, reducing the financial burden on those in lower-paying professions. They also seek greater assurance that all cost-reduction strategies have been considered and that efforts to increase financial aid and support have been thoroughly explored and clearly communicated.

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