



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

FY2026 Operating Budget Development Narrative Prompts

Evans School of Public Policy and Governance

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*

- We have stabilized our personnel costs to implement all aspects of our mission – education, research, and strategic engagement of community in policy making and implementation.
- We are implementing new educational programs, graduate certificates and our undergraduate major, that both align with our mission and purpose and bring in new additional revenue.
- As a small unit, we are continuing to support research and program partnerships with faculty across the University, from our Next Gen Civic Lead Corp to our operation of engagement and research centers, such as the Evans Policy Analysis & Research (EPAR) group and Evans Policy Innovation Collaborative (EPIC) to our training of local elected officials in collaborative leadership.

In relation to the UW programmatic goals and university-wide initiatives, we are trying to provide leadership that reflects our expertise in both content and process. Since social equity and democratic revitalization are core tenets to the fields of public administration and policy, we try upon and apply our knowledge of public institutions, civil society, and public service motivation. Since we possess process expertise in supporting complex, systems change in public institutions, the Dean is working with the Provost and others on the Board of Deans and Chancellors to suggest and implement nimble approaches to mobilizing faculty, staff and administrative leaders in the Strategic Initiative on Democracy and Civic Health. There are some concrete projects that are emerging from that effort and, as a result, we are including increases in our 'self-sustaining and gift' resources in the Adaptive multi-year plan. These efforts complement the increased educational reach through our expanded undergraduate and graduate offerings and will help to demonstrate the impact students and the school can have on local communities.

We annually develop an Evans School Annual Action Framework each summer in which we lay out the plans for actions and activities, stressing the intent of such a document is to provide a bridge between our capabilities and aspiration. These new activities will be reflected in the document which will be shaped after this academic year. We continue to be deeply engaged in the school's articulated shared value of equity. Our 5-Year Equity & Inclusion Blueprint (2021-2026) articulates our unique path in this work, including our core objectives, and aligns with the areas in the University of Washington's plan. To help track the results of implementation, the Dean has an active Equity & Inclusion Council that monthly reviews community contributions to an open Mural Board (accessible to all members of the community – faculty, staff, students) and this topic of how to promote inclusion continues to be a focus on the Senior Leadership Team.



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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

We had a very productive series of meeting with our Elected Faculty Council and the full faculty, with a focus on creating a new level of practical utility to the information we shared. The opportunity of having a new Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration, and more conventional information available through the Work Day Finance, allowed us to develop some new communication tools that allows more stakeholders to understand the assumptions and tradeoffs in our budget.

Faculty Council: December 17, 2024, January 13, 2025, February 4, 2025.

Full faculty: January 8, 2025 and February 12, 2025.

- 2) Please list a point of contact for your FACULTY leadership (name and UW email address). Elected Faculty Council: Chair, Ann Bostrom, <abostrom@uw.edu>; Incoming Chair, Karin D Martin <kdmartin@uw.edu> Rachel Fyall <fyall@uw.edu>; Cory Struthers <cstruth@uw.edu>; Erica Barnhart enm@uw.edu.

- 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.

Our focus this year with the elected Evans Student Organization (comprised of master's students) was to build a series of connecting discussion that allow our students to both understand and facilitate their engagement with the us. We met with them on November 19, 2024 and January 30, 2025. We also are working together to put together a survey with the full Evans Student body and a "Budget/Finance Engagement Event" in March.

- 4) Please list a point of contact for your STUDENT leadership (name and UW email address). Collin Carlson <collinjacarlson22@gmail.com>; Melanie Mazza <melmazza@uw.edu>; Zachery Baisch <zbaish@uw.edu>
- 5) Please discuss how you involved campus or unit staff in the consultative process. As our Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration joined the university in November, he has deeply appreciated connecting and meeting with central financial managers and leaders who have helped to provide clarity and support in delivery this budget. Scott Coil and Erin Guthrie were particularly helpful, providing a more complete picture of the university fiscal frameworks.



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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. No, see above survey will go out to the full student body for feedback.

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