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Four program areas identified for review as part of budget process

KAMLOOPS—Programs in four different areas at UCC have been identified today as ones that will undergo immediate reviews as part of the preliminary budget plan presented to the Board of Governors on Monday.

The programs identified will not necessarily be cancelled, but they must meet specified timelines as to what changes or adjustments could be made. This could include restructuring of existing programs, or utilizing the Continuing Studies model of delivering some or all of a program on a full revenue-generation basis. In the end, it will mean doing things differently in one form or another.

Included in the programs identified are the Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanics trade entry program; four certificates in the Applied Business Technology (ABT) department, the Computer Access Centre, and Adult Special Education in Williams Lake. The ABT and Computer Access departments deliver programs at both the Kamloops and Williams Lake campuses. In the case of Adult Special Education in Williams Lake, a partial re-allocation funds to expand other program priorities at the Williams Lake campus is also a consideration

As part of the new budget process, which includes block grant funding, and clear government expectations for accountability and increased student access, the review process is important to ensuring both program effectiveness and overall budget cost-effectiveness.

Seniors administrators met this morning with Deans and the departments involved, as the first formal step in the process. Over the next three weeks faculty and staff in these program areas will be working with their Deans to look at all options and bring back alternatives to senior administration, prior to any final recommendation on program viability to the Board of Governors.

Among the issues considered in the process of identifying programs for review are such things as current market and industry trends, enrollment demand and utilization, financial effectiveness, and private sector competition in the local market.

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