Colleagues,

The University is embarking on planning for the 2019/2020 budget cycle.

Our budget model has been developed to support transparency and accountability across the institution.

Our commitment to accountability means we must all continue to keep top of mind the strategic, reasonable and efficient use of University resources.

As a publicly assisted institution, we have additional responsibility to ensure diligence in the deployment of our resources.

In addition to institutional budgeting processes, as you are aware, the University has a number of policies, procedures, and guidelines that help guide many of our day to day financial decisions: Policy 17 – Quotations and Tenders; Policy 28 – Payment of Moving Expenses and Travel Allowances to Newly-Appointed Faculty and Staff Members; Policy 74 – Capital and Non-Capital Assets; procedures for University contracts; and, travel reimbursement guidelines, to name but a few.
I ask that you please carefully weigh each spending request, and decision, you make in light of the public trust that has been placed in the University, and continue to responsibly consider any discretionary spending.

The University has a long track record of strategic investments, sound financial management, strong risk mitigation and responsible spending. I am certain that, working together, we will continue that tradition into the future.

As you would expect, our team is monitoring developments in government policy and economic conditions and I am committed to sharing further updates as appropriate.

Sincerely,

James Rush
Vice-President, Academic & Provost

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