

# Mount Royal University Virtual Town Hall

Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

# Agenda

- Welcome and overview
- Campus well-being and surveys
- Campus 2021/22 planning
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- President's Task Force on Freedom of Expression
- Budget
- Alberta 2030
- University Strategic Plan
- Closing comments

A wall covered in a mosaic of small, colorful photographs and images. The images are arranged in a grid pattern, creating a vibrant and diverse visual texture. The colors range from bright yellows and oranges to deep blues and greys. The overall effect is one of a rich, multi-faceted community.

# Our Community

# Well-being

Well-being resources available  
and updated regularly

[mru.ca/wellnessatwork](https://mru.ca/wellnessatwork)

[mru.ca/studentwellbeing](https://mru.ca/studentwellbeing)

# Surveys: What are we doing?

- Student feedback shared with faculty for Winter
- Student decisions
- ADC remote learning resources
- HR supports
- Continued safe campus protocols
- 2021/22 planning
- Follow-up surveys in March/April

# Campus 2021/22 Planning

- Steady state in current work arrangements to June 30
- **Fall 2021 objective is to maximize in-person learning and services for students**
  - situation will be different in Fall
  - transition back to campus
  - caveats
  - adaptability





# Committee Updates

# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

- Working towards meaningful and transformative change
- Some formal progress:
  - President's EDI Advisory Committee
  - Building capacity
    - AVP Indigenization and Decolonization
    - EDI Special Advisor to the President



# Freedom of Expression Task Force

- Presidential Task Force has recently resumed meetings
- Co-chaired by Provost and SAMRU President
- Purpose of the Task Force
- New website shared soon



An aerial photograph showing a wide river on the left side, bordered by a rocky and pebbly shoreline. The river flows towards the top of the frame. On the right side, a dense, lush green forest of coniferous trees covers a steep slope. The word "Budget" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font in the center of the image, positioned over the forest area.

Budget



# Budget 2020/21

## Current Fiscal Year Update

- Mid year projection for \$2.3M deficit this fiscal year
- Cost containment measures continue through June 30 as activity on campus remains minimal
- Our work continues to come in on budget

# GOA Budget for 2021/22

- Campus Alberta Base Grant reduced by 2.5% (\$2.33M)
- Stable:
  - Health Workforce Action Plan \$772,000
  - Post-secondary Mental Health \$350,000
  - Students with Disabilities \$818,000
- Infrastructure Maintenance Program: + \$1.9M for a total of \$5.6M
- Capital funding for the repurposing of spaces: \$50M over 3 years

# Budget Planning 2021/22

- Greatest variables related to activity levels on campus
- Current planning scenario: a deficit of **\$3.2M** given announced provincial funding
- Key assumptions:
  - Amount of activity on campus
  - Campus Alberta Grant
  - Enrolment and tuition



# Budget Planning 2021/22

- Balancing the budget:
  - Prioritize student-facing programs and services
  - Activities underway:
    - vacant position review - only mission critical
    - reserve fund spending on critical initiatives only
    - expense mitigation on non-labour, ancillary and commercial operations



A wide-angle photograph of a modern university campus. In the foreground, there is a large, curved, multi-tiered grassy area with concrete walkways. To the left, a circular pond with a fountain in the center is surrounded by a metal railing. In the background, there are several modern buildings, including a large glass-walled structure on the right and a tall, abstract tower in the center. The sky is clear and blue.

Looking to the Future



# Alberta 2030 Review

- *Alberta 2020, Building Skills for Jobs*
  - Review complete in January
  - Panel Discussion March 18 at 12:00 p.m.
  - Outcomes of Alberta 2030 will be shared near the end of March
  - What that means for MRU

# University Strategic Plan

- Work continues, despite delays due to pandemic
- Thank you for feedback on vision, mission, values
- Feedback still welcome at [mru.ca/Strategy](http://mru.ca/Strategy)
- Next, we will share strategic directions
- GFC: for information/input
- Board: for approval
- Your feedback is critical to the process

Campus Well-being

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[mru.ca/Questions](https://mru.ca/Questions)

Thank you



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