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**Senate Planning and Priorities Committee  
Assigning Priority to New Programs/Initiatives**

The Senate Planning and Priorities Committee reviews and recommends to Senate on new program proposals, major program revisions, and other matters which involve the allocation of resources. The Committee is also charged with providing advice to the President on matters requiring prioritization. The Committee considers individual proposals based on their own merits, however, when considering the relative priority of proposals before it, will consider the following:

- The extent to which a proposal is consistent with the existing institutional strategic planning framework.
- The extent to which a proposal is consistent with the strategic academic and/or research plans of the unit(s) making the proposal.
- The extent to which a proposal promotes student success and addresses student needs.
- The extent to which a proposal addresses the need to promote the social, economic and cultural well-being of the people of Manitoba.
- The extent to which a proposal is consistent with the objectives of a major, medical-doctoral research University.
- The extent to which the resources assigned to a proposal would add commensurate value to the University as a whole

Proposal proponents will be asked to address the above listed points in making new proposals and the Committee will consider these responses in assigning its recommended priority level (low, medium, high) to each proposal. The priority assigned to a proposal will not necessarily be in comparison to other proposals made at a similar time, rather priority will be assigned based the degree to which a proposal meets the above identified areas.