

**Impact/Justification Statement
Office of the President
2003-04 Budget Year**

The Office of the President (OP) is proposing to absorb four to seven percent reductions in their baseline funding by substantially reducing their Operations and Equipment funds. Although debilitating, the impact of reducing funds in this area is far less severe, than if monies were decreased for staffing or other support costs.

The OP, by copy of this correspondence, would like to officially request one-time-only funding for the following:

Priority	Description	One-Time Request
1	Confidential Office Support	\$48,972
2	On quarter time Clerical Position	7,680
3	ASA II for Special Presidential Initiatives	\$47,532
4	Strategic Planning Task Force Chair	\$32,640
5	WASC related expenses	\$37,000
Total Requested		\$173,824

The rationale for each of the above requests is detailed in the original PEC report. In fact, the PO PEC sought baseline funding for the Confidential Office Support and the ASA II in our original document. The reality of the budget reductions has eliminated any possibility of achieving that goal for the 2003-04 college year. Nevertheless, without the support outlined above, it is likely that the OP will be unable to carry out its operational functions and achieve its objectives. In requesting the above, we have conspicuously eliminated from consideration, funding for the annual commencement even. The PEC encourage UBC to assign this funding responsibility to centrally monitored sources of income since the commencement ceremony, from our point of view, should be viewed as an all-university function, with the coordination residing in Academic Affairs.

Thanks in advance for considering this proposal and impact statement.