

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**  
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<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Dr. Darrell Mousseau Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC)
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	June 17, 2021
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Annual Report to Council of PPC
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	For information only

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The Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) met on 15 occasions throughout 2020-21 (this includes the last scheduled meeting; June 16, 2021). The chair and some members of the committee also served on subcommittees of PPC (*e.g.*, the Centres subcommittee; the Capital & Finance subcommittee), as well as on other University Council committees, including the Coordinating Committee, the Governance Committee, the Information Systems Steering Committee, and the Strategic Priority Steering Committee. In February of 2021, we welcomed our new Provost and Vice-President Academic, Dr. Airini.

**COUNCIL ITEMS**

The PPC presented the following items to University Council for approval:

- The *Centres Policy* (Guidelines for Establishment, Closure, and Provisional Status) (Oct 15, 2020);
- The proposed name change of the *Department of Psychology* to the *Department of Psychology and Health Studies* (Nov 19, 2020);
- The “Critical Path to Sustainability: The University of Saskatchewan Sustainability Strategy (2021-2030)” (Feb 03, 2021);
- The University Plan 2025 Update (Apr 15, 2021).

**STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED PLANNING**

The PPC received presentations and provided feedback on the following university-level initiatives and plans:

- Enrolment reports and enrolment planning;
- Resource allocation process;
- Tuition rate setting;
- Academic Program Approvals Process Review (joint APC-PPC consideration).

## **UNIVERSITY POLICIES, FINANCES and CAPITAL**

The committee considered the following:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy (Cheryl Carver)
- The University Finances & Financial Report 2020/21 (Greg Fowler)
- Living Our Values Policy (Kelly McInnes)
- Microcredentials Project and Terms of Reference (Amanda Storey, Nancy Turner)
- The University's Capital Plan (Janelle Hutchinson)
- Process for Measuring the University Plan (Julian Demkiw, Troy Harkot)
- Briefing on the Provincial Budget (Greg Fowler)
- TABBS and Resource Allocation Process Revisions (Troy Harkot, Jennifer Beck)
- Provincial Budget 21/22 Update (Airini, Greg Fowler)
- Allocation of Support Centre Resources (Airini, Jennifer Beck)
- Tuition rates 2021/22 (Melissa Just)
- Tuition reporting to the Ministry of Advanced Education (Melissa Just)
- Strategic Priorities (Airini)
- Institutional Space Management Framework (Trisha Ottenbreitt)
- Government Funding Request Provincial Budget (Greg Fowler, Airini)
- Financial Sustainability Plan (Airini, Greg Fowler)
- University's COVID-19 Update (Darcy Marciniuk)

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

Given last year's addition of a guiding statement regarding *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion* (EDI) in the PPC's terms of reference, all proposals coming before PPC for consideration must seek consultation with the office of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement as well as the International Office (on all matters that would have a significant internationalization component). In addition, all proposals for new academic programs or major program changes undergo financial sustainability assessments with the support of Institutional Planning and Assessment before being considered by the committee.

### **Notices of Intent (NoI)**

The PPC discussed and provided feedback to proponents on the following NoIs for new programs:

#### College of Agriculture and BioResources

- Certificate in Precision Agriculture.

#### College of Arts & Science

- Program in Applied Computing;
- Master of Music in Music Education;
- Graduate Certificate in Environmental Planning;
- Graduate Certificate in Hydrology.

#### College of Education

- Master of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning;
- Certificate in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

#### College of Law

- Certificate in Indigenous and Aboriginal Law.

Edwards School of Business

- Graduate Certificate in Leadership.

Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

- Certificate in Indigenous Nation Building;
- Certificate in Innovation and Science Policy.

School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS)

- Graduate Certificate in Water Security;
- Graduate Certificate in Energy Security;
- Graduate Certificate in Regenerative Sustainability;
- Graduate Certificate in Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Action.

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

- Certificate in Veterinary Diagnostic Pathology.

**Items for consideration in the 2021-2022 Academic Year:**

- Microcredentials;
- Reports from the University 2025 Strategic Priority Steering Committee;
- Academic Program Approvals Process Review implementation of recommendations.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

During what can only be described as a ‘challenging’ year, given that all meetings were held using a video platform, I thank my Vice-Chair, Vincent Bruni-Bossio (Management and Marketing), and all members of PPC for their ability and willingness to adapt to the remote format and to continue to provide their time and insight regarding the various items considered by PPC. All insight, critique, and feedback regarding University academic and non-academic issues, finances, and strategies were always well received by the proponents of any proposal as well as by the offices of our Vice-Presidents. I also want to thank the PPC Executive for always finding an additional hour in their busy schedules to meet and plan the agenda and discuss matters of process. As importantly, I once again whole-heartedly thank Dr. Jacquie Thomarat for her ongoing support and her capacity for making sure that documentation was prepared for every meeting of the PPC as well as for her knowledge of all things procedural and governance. Finally, I thank all of the outgoing members of PPC and wish them the very best in the years ahead and I look forward to new members as they join us for the Fall sitting of PPC.

Respectfully submitted,



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