

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
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**PRESENTED BY:** Dr. Darrell Mousseau  
Chair, Planning & Priorities Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report to Council

**PURPOSE:** For Information only

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The Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) met on 16 occasions throughout 2021-22 (this includes the last scheduled meeting; June 13, 2022). The chair and some members of the committee also served on subcommittees of PPC (*e.g.*, the Centres Subcommittee) as well as on other University Council committees, including the Coordinating (*now* Executive) Committee, the Governance Committee, the Information Systems Steering Committee, and the Strategic Priority Steering Committee.

**COUNCIL ITEMS**

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

- Financial Update (Q4 results, budget 2021-22) and Strategic Planning, Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice President Academic, and Greg Fowler, Vice President Finances (Sept 16, 2021);
  - The renewal of the University of Saskatchewan's *Signature Areas of Research*, Dr. Baljit Singh, Vice President Research (Oct 21, 2021);
  - Tuition and Fees for 2022-23 and the Multi-Year Tuition Plan (Apr 21, 2022);
  - The Saskatchewan Provincial Budget and the Canadian Federal Budget 2022-23 (May 16\_2022);
  - The University Plan 2025 Update, Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice President Academic and Dr. Patti McDougall, Deputy Provost (June 16, 2022).
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## **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.

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

The committee considered the following:

- Signature Areas of Research update – Dr. Baljit Singh (Vice President Research);
  - Strategic Priorities – Dr. Airini (Provost and Vice-President Academic);
  - Microcredentials Development Framework and Pilot Programs – Dr. Nancy Turner (Director, Teaching and Learning Enhancement);
  - Crop Development Centre: Master Plan and Design Guidelines – James Cook (Manager, Campus Planning and Real Estate);
  - Planning & Budgeting (including Feedback on October 25, 2021, Planning & Budget Townhall) – Dr. Airini (Provost and Vice President Academic);
  - Establishment of the Budget Committee (replacing PAC, formerly PCIP) – Dr. Airini (Provost and Vice-President Academic);
  - Update on Resource Allocation and TABBS – Jennifer Beck (Senior Director, Resource Allocation and Planning) and Troy Harkot (Senior Director, Assessment and Analytics);
  - USask Indigenous Strategy – Dr. Angela Jaime (Interim Vice Provost, Indigenous Engagement);
  - Strategic Priorities Government Funding Report – Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio (Interim Associate Provost, Strategic Priorities) and Sara Daniels (Associate Vice President, Government Relations);
  - Tuition – Dr. Patti McDougall (Deputy Provost) and Jennifer Beck (Senior Director, Resource Allocation & Planning);
  - Resource Allocation 2022-23 – Dr. Airini (Provost & Vice President Academic) and Jennifer Beck (Senior Director, Resource Allocation & Planning);
  - Uniforum – Troy Harkot (Senior Director, Assessment & Analytics, IPA) and Chris Gashler (Director and Chief Enterprise Architect, Identity and Data Management, ICT);
  - Arts & Science project to combine the fine arts departments - Art and Art History (Interim Head, Dr. Lisa Vargo), Drama (Interim Head, Dr. Greg Marion), and Music (Head, Dr. Dean McNeill);
  - College of Nursing – Dr. Airini (Provost and Vice President, Academic) and Dr. Solina Richter (Dean, College of Nursing);
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- Microcredentials Update – Dr. Nancy Turner (Director, Teaching and Learning Enhancement);
- USask Senior Leadership Consultation with Indigenous Faculty and Staff – Dr. Angela Jaime (Interim Vice Provost Indigenous Engagement), Matt Dunn (Senior Strategic Officer), and Bob Badger (Cultural Coordinator);
- Renewal of Research Signature Areas – Dr. Baljit Singh (Vice President Research) and Tonya Wirchenko (Manager, Executive Initiatives and Projects);
- Cybersecurity Update – Shari Baraniuk (AVP Information Communication Technology & Chief Information Officer) and Jon Coller (Chief Information Security Officer);
- Health Sciences Strategic Priority Initiatives – Dr. Adam Baxter-Jones (Interim Associate Provost) and Crystal Maslin (Planning & Projects Officer, Office of Associate Provost, Health);
- Tuition and Fees for 2022-23 and the Multi-Year Tuition Plan – Dr. Patti McDougall (Deputy Provost) and Jennifer Beck (Senior Director, Resource Allocation & Planning);
- University of Saskatchewan Budget - Greg Fowler (Vice President Finance & Resources) and Dr. Airini (Provost & Vice President Academic);
- Provincial and Federal Budgets – Greg Fowler (Vice President Finance & Resources), Dr. Airini (Provost & Vice President Academic), and Sara Daniels (Associate Vice President, Government Relations).

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

With the restructuring of the academic program approval process and the PPC's Terms of Reference, the PPC no longer requires Notices of Intent for proposals for new academic programs or changes to existing programs. The Academic Programs Committee now carries the full responsibility for program proposal reviews.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Looking back over this second 'challenging' Covid19-dominated year, we managed to accomplish all we had on our agendas, with frank and insightful discussions and feedback on numerous items. I thank my Vice-Chair, Vicki Squires (Educational Administration), and all the members of PPC, many of whom wear several 'hats' and, as such, found themselves inevitably juggling schedules that required both remote and face-to-face (teaching) realities. They still found the time to read the supporting documentation and provided the biweekly meetings of the PPC with insightful and constructive commentary.

I again want to thank the PPC Executive for finding that additional hour in their busy schedules to meet and plan for agenda items that, in several cases, were challenged by rapid internal and/or external deadlines, and required the feedback from PPC to move forward in a healthy and timely manner. As ever, I am indebted to Dr. Jacquie Thomarat (Director, Academic Governance) for her knowledge of process and diplomacy as well as for her ability to organize

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and prepare (me) for all of the meetings of the PPC. Finally, I thank all of the outgoing members of PPC and wish them the very best; they carried the PPC through some very challenging times here at the University, and their efforts and contributions to university planning is commendable.

This is my last year as Chair of the PPC and I want to thank everyone for making it a remarkable experience. Dr. Vicki Squires will be the Chair in the Fall sitting of PPC and I can assure you that she will bring new insight and energy to the role and the committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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