

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
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PRESENTED BY: Bob Tyler, Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

DATE OF MEETING: October 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Capital Planning and Update on Major Capital Projects

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The Major Projects Planning Process serves as a systematic and transparent approach to the review of major capital and infrastructure projects, i.e. those in excess of \$500,000, including major equipment acquisitions and computer software purchases.

The planning process provides the Planning and Priorities Committee (and the Capital Subcommittee of the Planning and Priorities Committee) the opportunity to review and provide advice, guidance, comments and observations on each project at two stages: Stage 1 (project request), an early-stage outline of the rationale and scope of the project, and Stage 3 (project brief), a detailed description of the project, including capital and operating funding requirements and potential funding sources. Stage 2 consists of project pre-planning to shape and define the project and does not involve the Committee. Approval for the project to proceed to Stage 4, Board of Governors consideration, is granted by PCIP at Stage 3. At Stage 4, the Planning and Priorities Committee may also provide advice and input regarding specific projects, either at the Committee's discretion or if requested by senior administration.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

Over the course of the year, the Capital Subcommittee of the Planning and Priorities Committee will review project briefs for major capital projects under development. Discussion by the full Planning and Priorities Committee of the RenewUS proposal, a strategy to address the University's ageing physical infrastructure, with \$250 million of the estimated \$600 million in deferred maintenance needs identified as critical, will take place this fall. The Committee also will be engaged in discussion of the Annual Capital Plan and the Multi-Year Capital Plan for the third planning cycle.

The Planning and Priorities Committee will report to Council on capital planning throughout the year. Today's presentation by Colin Tennent, Associate Vice-President,

Facilities Management, is intended to provide Council members with an overview of the capital landscape on campus as an orientation for future discussion.

A summary of the Major Projects Planning Process and status of each project is available on the Capital Planning section of the Integrated Planning web site at www.usask.ca/ip/inst_planning/major_planning/capital_planning/progress_report.php. Clicking on the individual project name links to project specifics, such as overall projected cost, project approval stage, executive sponsor(s) and visual representations.